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Coastguard's warning after PUBLIC'S SEASIDE SELFIE MADNESS

As waves crashed across the promenade, Barry Coastguard arrived to warn people to move away from the sea wall.

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PEOPLE taking selfies as huge waves battered Barry Island promenade on Monday were endangering their own safety, the local Coastguard said.

Some people still refused to move away after being told it was dangerous.

A Barry Coastguard spokesman said: "High winds and a high tide caused concern for people's safety as they were too close to the breaking waves and taking selfies as the waves came crashing over the promenade wall.

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Man wanted on prison recall

SOUTH Wales Police wants to locate Kyron Farrell, who is wanted on recall to prison.

A spokeswoman said: "Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the 23-year-old from Barry should contact 101, quoting reference 1700348442."

Barry Town player strikes back at councillor

by TIM CHAPMAN
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BARRY Town United player Kayne McLaggon has hit back at a local councillor who criticised the players for 'unsportsmanlike behaviour'.

Kevin Mahoney, a Vale councillor and keen football fan, wrote to The GEM recently expressing his disappointment at the players' behaviour during the match against Aberystwyth Town.

Coun Mahoney had cited an example in which Barry Town United players felt aggrieved over a goal-line decision.

He said: "At a time when recruiting officials is a topic for concern, the sight of players, who had just served up an abysmal performance, lacking in basic skills, screaming and swearing at a linesman who was spot on with his decision illustrates why new recruitment is proving so difficult.

"Let's hope standards of skill, behaviour, and reporting take an upward turn as the season progresses."

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Kayne McLaggon.

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Memories of yesteryear in Barry's old Vic

WITH reference to Laurie Owen's part 4 article – Vic 'Wild West' in the 1950s, my father worked at the Victoria Hotel for 38 years, starting with cleaning cellars, but was soon in the office.

'Eddie' Damm became the manager of the Vic, a position he held for many years (less one short break).

The Williams family had the Vic on a liberal lease from Hancocks Brewers, and had other business and property interests (my father used to collect rents from some of the houses in the side streets off Holton Road; built for £50 each!).

Evan and 'Gran' Williams were uncle and aunt to my father. For most of the period, the Williams family lived in and ran their business interests from the Vic and held the licence, so my father was able to live out.

However, when both Evan and Gran passed on, my father continued to manage the Vic for his cousins, but had to take on the licence and live in which he, my mother and myself did; my brother was born while we were there. The four of us lived in the Vic for three years (my brother a bit less!)

My parents decided to leave because they did not wish to bring up two boys in a pub environment; they bought a small business elsewhere in town. I believe that my father's cousins relinquished the lease on the Vic and it became a standard brewery pub.

The Victoria Hotel was a mixed type of pub: There were the 'spit and sawdust' bars (copper and brass well polished), standard stand-up town pub bar with commercial room off and an invitation-only small back room bar with bar-maid/waitress service for 'the back room boys'.

My father set up a Ship's Cabin bar with marine memorabilia, including ship's telegraph and bell (used at closing time); I went with my parents to collect some of these items from a ship breakers at Britton Ferry. The Vic had a restaurant, a function room and an off licence; I do not know when these date from.

The 'Wild West'! Our family left the Vic in 1952, I think. I don't recall seeing or hearing anything that would resemble the description.

My bedroom, when we lived in, was above the entrance to one of the spit and sawdust bars – in the space over what is now the entrance to Tesco Express.

My father did tell of the odd occasion when he would have to physically eject a trouble maker (my father even vaulting the bar counter on occasion!).

The Vic was somewhat busy in World War Two with UK, American and other Allied servicemen and merchant sailors. My father managed the Vic part-time in the war, while being in the Special, and then the War Reserve Police.

The 'Wild West' must date from after 1952; in later years, I did hear (rumours only) of a lively Vic.

Howard R Damm, Barry.

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IS ELECTRIFICATION OFF THE RAILS?

I AM grateful to the two correspondents who replied to my recent letter on rail electrification.

They both make valid points. However, I still feel that the general strategy is very important for the success of the south Wales economy and for the environment.

With Bi-Mode trains, the Government still want to impose a fuel that is a serious risk to health, especially those who have a lung disease. I have lost count of the times when I have stood in a station such as Cardiff and Paddington, with choking fumes and excessive noise from diesel engines.

To add further insult, the Dept. of Transport have imposed 25 year old turbo diesels on to the local rail network around Bristol. So is this the prospect for south Wales, should the metro initiative fail?

Despite the disruption and the need for gantries, I and many others would rather see a fast electrified railway that is healthy, clean and efficient, similar to what I have experienced in France, Spain and Switzerland.

Unlike Europe, why are we so reticent to take up a superior technology? The railway infrastructure dates back to Victorian times, while the technology has changed and advanced over many years, but the infrastructure has stood still.

Now we have to catch up and that means adapting Victorian bridges and although the overhead wires may not be attractive, electrification provides a far more efficient service.

I realise that the French are experimenting with hydrogen and battery-powered trains for short distance journeys, but not for long distances. That is the future.

Meanwhile, the UK Government promised electrification for the GWR Network to make up for the fact that we were not to have a high speed rail link. This was to be for the good of commuters and business alike, but economically, Swansea has been left out in the cold, which rightly they are complaining about.

For the good of south Wales, I believe that the two Governments need to stop arguing about financing the rail network and get back to the drawing board. We cannot keep our rail network in a Victorian time warp.

Even Brunel would agree.

Trevor Spill, Llantwit Major.

'Everyone has a say in Brexit, even if they didn't vote in EU Referendum'

YOUR correspondent Mike Bailey demands that 17.5 million people who voted to leave the EU should be heard.

Quite apart from the possibility that those people may have voted for a variety of differing, sometimes conflicting reasons influenced by misleading and spurious 'information' he ignores the fact that 29 million people did not vote to leave.

We are now concerned to lessen the damage and our voices too deserve to be heard.

Peter Knapp, Cowbridge.

'Recent pro-Brexit letter was tucked away on page 24'

IT is a pity that D Williams of Rhoose was given so much space on page two of Readers' Letters (September 7) to criticise J Fletcher's letter (August 31), while Mike Bailey of Cowbridge wrote a very comprehensible account 'Why EU Repeal Bill is so crucial to plan for Brexit' was tucked away in Readers' Letters Extra on page 24.

To quote his final message: 'We are part of 17.5 million people who expect to be heard. By acting together, we can make this happen and build a better future for Britain outside the EU.'

He suggests to make your views known to your MP.

L Jeffery, Dinas Powys.

Editor's note: Thank you for your observation Mr Jeffery. It should be pointed out that the original J Fletcher letter was allocated quite a bit of space on page 2, so it seemed only fair to have the response from D Williams on the same page.

Scent letter

WE too had to endure that unpleasant smell the other week; we first noticed it about 6pm.

It was a hot night, and I sleep with the bedroom window open. I awoke early next morning to this obnoxious smell again in my bedroom.

I do not think it was coming from Dow Corning as we have lived here for 20 years and have not smelled anything before like it.

Is this possibly a first sample of the stench which we would get from the Docks incinerator?

With the top of its stack lower than Dock View Road, we too hope that this smell problem can be solved quickly.

Mr and Mrs S Wilkins, Barry.

Does incinerator recruitment mean it's a 'done deal'?

AS Barry holds its breath awaiting a decision as to the incinerator being granted an operating licence, I find it intriguing that staff are being recruited for the positions there through several engineering recruitment agencies.

Surely, when staff have been recruited – some maybe having given up jobs to take their new positions at the incinerator – the operator then has a contractual duty to these staff?

If NRW see sense and refuse a licence to operate, where does this leave the newly-recruited employees?

No wonder many of us who completed a recent online poll believe that the incinerator is already a 'done deal', and that Barry residents have been sold out.

With the recent unidentified stench that has been hanging around parts of Barry providing a glimpse of things to come, I really hope we're all wrong.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

At 94, Marion still wants to have fun

ON Bank Holiday Monday (August 28), my daughter and son-in-law took my mum, Marion Prew, to Gladstone Park, Barry, to show her what has been done up there.

As soon as she saw the large array of gym equipment, Mum jusgt had to have a go on a couple of things.

I do hope there is no 'age limit' as she is 94 years old and still wants to have fun.

I think her smile says it all, don't you?

Linda Donovan, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	00.24	8.4	13.14	8.2
15 Fri	01.58	8.1	14.45	8.0
16 Sat	03.24	8.0	16.11	8.4
17 Sun	04.49	8.5	17.17	9.0
18 Mon	05.49	9.2	18.12	9.6
19 Tues	06.37	9.7	18.57	10.0
20 Wed	07.22	10.2	19.39	10.3
21 Thur	07.59	10.2	20.14	10.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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LOMOCA closes in on Monte Carlo for Noah

The LOMOCA team from Barry hope to arrive in Monte Carlo early next week.

by TIM CHAPMAN 07722 124 826 or email tim.chapman@ glamorgan-gem.co.uk

THE epic LOMOCA bike ride, from London to Monte Carlo for 'Barry's little braveheart', Noah Stephenson, is currently under way.

Noah (5) who attends Cadoxton Primary School, lost his lower left leg to meningitis when he was eight months old, and funds raised during the ride will go towards his ongoing care.

The LOMOCA team comprises Noah's father Gareth, and four friends, Daniel Wood, Darren Saltmarsh, Kirsty James and Alex Coleman.

Gareth's father Bob, his uncle, Paul Ballantyne, and friend, Mike Treweek, are the support crew accompanying the team in a minibus, and setting up tents for overnight stays.

They are now on day eight of their 914-mile marathon and hope to finish early next week.

Gareth explained that they had had to contend with an unusual hazard making their way down through the French vineyards.

"On day four we had a late start because we had to clean the bikes.

"They were honking after coming through the vineyards in Champagne. They were stuck with mud and grape juice."

Gareth thanked everybody for going online to make donations.

"Thank you for the continued support and donations. Keep them coming in, we love them all."

It hasn't been all plain sailing. The team caught the edge of a storm with gusts of up to 40mph slowing their progress. They also got lost because the GPS was dropping in and out.

Although they have fallen a little behind schedule, they hope calmer weather will help them catch up.

Despite colds and injuries, they remain in high spirits.

To get behind Gareth, his family and friends, go to their fundraising page at www.gofund me.com/LOMOCA .

More information is on Facebook at LOMOCA or Instagram at Lomoca2017.

Noah Stephenson.

SEASIDE SELFIE SELFISHNESS

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The spokesman continued: "We were tasked to try and stop people getting too near the water because it can bring all sorts of debris with it.

"Most people were understanding and stayed away once safety advice had been given.

"Unfortunately, not everybody would listen to the advice and they put themselves in danger."

On social media, people expressed amazement that people were going so close to the sea.

A woman commented on Facebook: "Why are people so stupid? When will they learn that it takes two seconds to be taken out to sea and then other people – the lifeguards – have to risk their lives to search for them."

One man said he sympathised with the Coastguard.

"You guys do a great job, people must try your patience at times."

The dangers of turbulent seas to people on the shoreline were illustrated recently in Cornwall.

On September 4, two brothers who were fishing, were swept off rocks and into the sea.

One of the men was found, but later died in hospital.

Another body was found early this week and police said a formal identification was due to take place shortly.

MP's public meeting in Dinas Powys

AN MP is to speak at a public meeting in Dinas Powys on Thursday, September 28, at 7pm.

Jonathan Edwards, the Plaid Cymru Member of Parliament for Carmarthenshire East and Dinefor, will address a public meeting at the Old Library, Parish Hall.

In Westminster, he covers the Treasury, Transport and Foreign Affairs portfolios.

The meeting is organised by Dinas Powys Plaid Cymru and is an open meeting.

'No need for a Rhoose community council'

RHOOSE does not require a community council, all matters are decided by Vale Council.

A community council has no power. There's a programme on TV called *Money for Nothing* and that's what you'll get.

M Voaden, Rhoose.

Dinas Powys Rotary Club honours Colin

ROTARIAN Colin Jones has been recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys in recognition of his 'outstanding commitment to the club and the community'.

Colin Jones.

Colin's dedication to the club includes organising and participating in the recent 110-mile charity cycle ride from Calais in France to Bruges in Belgium, on behalf of Prostate Cancer Cymru and Rotary International charities, which to date has raised over £11,000.

He is also a prominent member of the classic car show committee and has taken on the responsibility for leading the 2018 event.

Colin was club president in 2014/15, when his nominated charities were Macmillan Nurses and Cerebral Palsy (CP) sport for which the club raised £5,000.

As well as his Rotary activities, Colin is a dedicated member of the Sully Sports and Social club, where he is part of the management committee and vice-chairman of the football section.

Presenting the award on behalf of the club, Kevin Fowler said: "I am delighted that we are able to recognise the outstanding contribution Colin has given to the Sully and Dinas Powys communities and especially the Rotary Club."

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Barry's Kayne has his say

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Barry Town United forward Kayne Mclaggon told The GEM he felt compelled to respond to the points made by Coun Mahoney.

Kayne, who scored two goals on Saturday against Newtown to secure Barry's first Welsh top flight victory since May 2004, said: "Thank you for your comments regarding Barry Town United's opening matches in this season's Welsh Premier League campaign.

"First of all, I was very disappointed with your comments regarding the Barry Town players' ability and more importantly behaviour during our opening match against Aberystwyth Town.

"The players were obviously disappointed to concede a contentious goal and acted as any player, fan, or council member would if they disagreed with a decision.

"No player was carded in this fixture so I would have to disagree with your stance and say that our behaviour was acceptable on the day despite the circumstances.

"Furthermore, I would like to challenge your point that our 'abysmal performance lacked basic skill'.

"I firmly disagree. As a champion and well-respected member of local society, I think you have a duty to be positive about a community club which is making great strides in Barry and the surrounding areas, on and off the pitch."

Kayne said that rather than complaining about 'whining' players he wished people would recognise "the club's countless youth teams, summer holiday activities and the voluntary work going into the new facilities at Jenner Park by the people of Barry."

He added: "Finally, the behaviour and comments of our players and management after both of our first games in the WPL has been unquestionable, and there hasn't been any sign of 'whining' on our behalf – just positivity in order to ensure our minds are focused on our next challenge.

"I urge you to do the same and support rather than discourage your local Welsh Premier League football team."

On a conciliatory note, Kayne added: "I look forward to welcoming you back to Jenner Park to cheer us on in the coming weeks."

AM chairs latest Biomass meeting

VALE AM Jane Hutt chaired a meeting at Castleland Community Centre on September 11, with the DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group) and NRW (Natural Resources Wales.)

NRW confirmed that it "welcomes continuing representations and open dialogue" in response to the Schedule 5 Notice and subsequent public consultation, beyond the extended deadline.

Immediately before the meeting, DIAG with Ms Hutt, presented NRW with its extensive written response, together with the DIAG petition which has gathered 10,734 signatures as of today.

DIAG continues to gather additional information in support of its response and will submit this to NRW soon.

The CAPITA Report, commissioned by Barry Town Council, raises questions as to some of the detail returned by Sol Environment in its response to the Schedule 5 Notice, and NRW will consider the CAPITA Report when assessing the application for an Environmental Permit.

DIAG received an update from NRW as to work undertaken since the last meeting on August 3 and the steps that NRW will take in assessing the information submitted so far.

NRW confirmed they would now be considering all the responses to the consultation. DIAG will continue to provide evidence and Ms Hutt will chair a meeting with DIAG and the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service on the Fire Prevention Plan.

'Joined-up thinking' in Gibbonsdown

LANI TUCKER is the 'community innovator 'at Glamorgan Voluntary Services, whose role is to map the services and groups with an interest in health and wellbeing in the Gibbonsdown area of Barry.

Representatives are invited from these community groups and a network meeting will be set up where they will be able to meet one another, discuss how to improve the health and wellbeing of the area, exchange information on local services and share ideas and good practices.

This network group will be encouraged to use social media and promote their individual services, and to share information on health and wellbeing with the public.

If anyone wishes to take part in the network meeting, contact Lani on 01446 741706 or e-mail: lani@gvs.wales.

GVS recently welcomed five new members at its summer board meeting; Barry Athletic Tennis Club, Mulligan Community CIC, Oshi's World, Promo-Cymru and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) be accepted into membership.

Clive Curtis, GVS's operational manager said: "We are pleased to see our membership grow from strength to strength. These new members will be able to take advantage of a range of services we provide for members including funding information, development services and access to a range of practical services."

If you would like to become a member organisation of GVS and benefit from a wealth of free and low cost services, register as a volunteer or register your organisation to host volunteers, contact: Glamorgan Voluntary Services, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry, on 01446 741706 e m a i l : enquiries@gvs.wales or see www.gvs.wales. **AS**

THE KNAP ART GROUP

THE group welcomes new members, and meets every Tuesday at All Saints' church hall, The Knap, Barry.

Our course begins again on Tuesday, September 26 from 2 pm – 4pm. We always welcome new members and there are a few places left for this term.

If you are interested in developing your 'creativity' through learning to draw or paint get in touch. Email glyn@glynpooley.com or facebook@glynpooley. **KS**

Walk leader strays from the path of truth

JOHN R from Penarth and District Ramblers delighted the group by arranging a railway ramble to Pengam and baking a very seasonal apple and blackberry cake, which he shared with the 14 walkers who joined him.

Despite the fact that the leader announced there would be no mud, at the very start of the walk, a footbridge over the Union Brook led into a minor swamp where several boots sank in the quagmire, confirming the fact that leaders sometimes bend the truth!

Pleasant green meadows led them to a rough track on Gelligaer and Merthyr Common and, passing sheep and sturdy cattle beside the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway Walk, they journeyed on while enjoying the surrounding views, and upon reaching the overgrown remains of Capel Gwladys, paused for morning break.

Gwladys fled with her lover Gwynllyw, with her father Brychan (who disapproved) in hot pursuit and legend has it that Brychan and his men were slain by King Arthur and two followers, allowing the lovers to flee and consequently give birth to St Cadog.

Continuing along the common land, passing groups of ponies and foals to the trig point at Carn y Bugail, once a Bronze Age round cairn, ahead of them to the north lay the central Beacons, their carved outline against the skyline.

Descending slightly above a solar farm, an open cast mine and tall slag heaps that has grassed over the village of Fochriw lay below them at the top of the Darran valley as they stopped for lunch on the grassy hillside, before the recitation of a poem entitled 'Dim Byd' by Grahame Davies.

Descending through the valley and climbing the opposite side with views stretching across Rhymney, Pontlottyn and Abertysswg in the Rhymney Valley, and passing huge amounts of rubbish strewn on the hillsides which had been fly-tipped, the track led them onwards to Cefn y Brithdir and more ponies.

A large information stone at the side of the track indicates the site of a memorial to a 7th century Roman soldier named Tegernacus, a replica of which stands in an adjoining field, while the original is housed in the National Museum of Wales.

Following a rough stony track to the remains of the 7th century Capel y Brithdir, surrounded by land used as a cemetery, their route led them down a narrow path and across the Nant Llan for the gradual descent by track and field to enter Parc Cwm Darran and the return along the old disused railway line to Bargoed just in time to catch the train home.

On September 16, meet at 8am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12-mile moderate/hard walk at Alderley on the edge of the Cotswolds; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On September 17, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 8.5-mile moderate walk from Craig y Nos over Cribarth to Henrhyd Falls; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

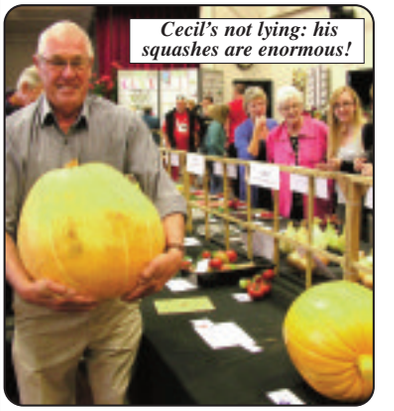
Queen's Baton passes through Gladstone

YEAR-6 children at Gladstone Primary School started their academic year on a high, spending their first day of term at Barry Island joining in with the Queen's Baton Relay Commonwealth Games celebrations.

The baton, which carries a message from the HM The Queen to the Commonwealth and its athletes, will visit every nation and territory within the Commonwealth before the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast, Australia.

"We at Gladstone are delighted that our children had the opportunity to join in with and be part of this momentous occasion to get behind and support our athletes in the Commonwealth Games next year," said Caroline Newman, headteacher.

Cecil asks: 'Can you guess the weight of my giant pumpkins?'



Cecil's not lying: his squashes are enormous!

CECIL TOWNSEND, a well-known local gardener and highly successful competitor at Dinas Powys Village Show, will be displaying his giant vegetables and pumpkins and outside the Three Horseshoes public house in Dinas Powys village centre on Friday, September 15, in support of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC).

DPVC is a local charity that provides transport, befriending and wellbeing services for older residents in the Dinas Powys area.

A spokesperson said: "The charity wishes to thank Cecil for holding, once again, this colourful annual event. The support that DPVC receives from Cecil and others in the community is greatly appreciated."

You can enter a competition to guess the weight of the vegetables, make a donation at the display, or donate to DPVC via Facebook, or online at mydonate.bt.com/charities/dpvc.

FREE TUB OF ICE-CREAM AT CINEMA!

AFTER a summer break, Rhoose Community Cinema is back with what a spokesperson described as "a great line-up of screenings".

Starting September 23 with the British 'feel-good comedy' *Time of their Lives*, starring Franco Nero, Joan Collins and Pauline Collins (12A).

A former Hollywood star enlists the help of a new friend in order to journey from London to France for her ex-lover's funeral, with the various obligatory mishaps en route making the trip unforgettable.

Jo and Jen from the cinema said: "We look forward to greeting old friends and new this autumn. The response from locals has been tremendous from the start of this project last September and to celebrate our first anniversary, we will be providing each cinema-goer a free tub of ice-cream."

The cinema is at Stewart Road Community Centre, Rhoose. Doors open 6.45pm, showtime 7.15pm. All tickets £5 (pay on door).

For further information, see the Facebook page, Rhoose Community Cinema, for more details or call Jo on 07986 907151.

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Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Barry Town councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square, from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

372 (Barry) Squadron honours 'The Few'

AIR Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron were proudly on parade at the Memorial Hall cenotaph and at MoD St Athan, to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Battle of Britain Sunday commemorates the victory won by the Royal Air Force, which saved Britain from invasion in 1940; when Winston Churchill said these immortal words "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

The Air Cadets formed an honour guard at the cenotaph and were by joined members of the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA), former military personnel, and the public. The service was conducted by the Father Ben Andrews and RAFA branch chairman, Mr Terry McKeown. The last post was played which was then followed by a two-minute silence.

Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by Morfudd Meredith (Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan), Jane Hutt (Welsh Assembly Member), Coun Janice Charles, Mayor of the Vale, Keith Harris (Royal British Legion) and Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton.

Then in the afternoon, the Barry Air Cadets were again proudly on parade along with 50 Air Cadets from around south Wales and 100 airmen from MoD St Athan.

Squadron Leader Gareth Thomas commented, "that the Air Cadets did themselves proud today, representing the Royal Air Force on this occasion and are a shining example of the youth in our community."

The Air Cadets also undertake many other exciting activities outside of ceremonial parades including flying, gliding, adventure training, shooting, sport, field craft, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, expeditions and visits to RAF Stations around the United Kingdom.

The Cadets are eagerly looking forward to their forthcoming trip to the battlefields and memorials of Ypres (Belgium) and the Somme (France).

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 12 (and in school year 8) - 17 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm – 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour on Gladstone Road (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron on 07936 491226, email oc.372@aircadets.org.uk or visit www.372 squadron.org.uk for more information about becoming an Air Cadet.

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GEM note: Battle of Britain Day is September 15. It marks the day in 1940 when the Luftwaffe launched its largest and most concerted raids on London and the South East of England, which were repulsed by the RAF and changed the course of WWII by preventing Operation Sea Lion, the planned German invasion of Britain.

Cadets Morgan Edgell and Rhys Horton carrying standards.

£3.8m investment will 'deliver affordable new homes' for Barry

WORK will start shortly on a £3.8m development which will provide 27 new homes in Barry.

The one and two-bedroom apartments in Woodlands Road will help to meet a high demand for homes in the area and are being developed by Hafod, in partnership with the Vale Council and contractors M & J Cosgrove Ltd.

From the 1980s, the site was used as a children's play area that fell into disuse after the redevelopment of Central Park, and was eventually closed in 2004.

Due for completion at the end of 2018, the new homes will be available to rent and will offer a range of what a spokesperson described as "energy and cost saving features to help reduce running costs for tenants".

The project is funded by a mixture of Welsh Government Social Housing and Housing Finance Grant.

Hafod has invested over £13m and provided over 100 new homes in the county in past three years.

This includes the Vale's first extra care scheme, Golau Caredig in Barry, and homes for affordable rent and low-cost home ownership.

Alan Morgan, managing director said: "We own and manage over 700 homes in the county and are committed to delivering a major programme of affordable housing.

"We currently have a further 100 homes in the pipeline, including developments in Barry and the rural vale."

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First day for some pupils at Barry Comprehensive

Head of sixth form Rob Bourton has the rapt attention of year-12 pupils

STAFF at Barry Comprehensive were, said a spokesperson, "delighted to welcome new pupils in years 7 and 12 to the school last week".

The year-7 pupils looked very smart as they took their places in assembly. Headteacher Gerard McNamara welcomed the boys and outlined what he called the "challenges and opportunities" ahead of them as they work towards their GCSE examinations in 2022.

Senior learning mentor David Williams spoke to the year group, explaining what he described as the "high expectations the school has for attendance and behaviour", before sending the new pupils to meet their form teachers and start their lessons.

This year also saw a large number of pupils choosing to continue their studies in the sixth form. In addition to our own successful GCSE pupils and those from other local schools, staff were 'excited' to welcome international pupils from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Mexico and Ethiopia.

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(Note: some names have been changed to protect the innocent).

Cyclists raise an 'incredible' £8,000 for Marie Curie

LAST Bank Holiday Sunday, locals from the Edmondes Arms, the Bush Inn cycling team, Cowbridge RFC, fire-fighters, a sizeable contingent from the 'Barry' family, friends and acquaintances all took part in a fun bike ride to raise funds for Marie Curie Trust, Holme Tower hospice.

If you were in Cowbridge that day you couldn't fail to notice our intrepid cyclists in their dazzling yellow, Marie Curie T-shirts, toiling their way around the 30- mile Vale circuit under a blazing sun. What a fantastic turn-out, over 100 cyclists took part and all completed the course safely before cooling down with a refreshing 'apres-cycle' pint (or two) at the Horse & Groom. Perfect!

As evening approached, festivities moved to the Edmondes Arms where live music, a barbecue and a charity auction all helped to 'top-up' monies raised by the bike-ride.

Top-up was an understatement – the auction raised £3,400, pushing the combined totals for the day to an incredible £8,177.

Neil Williams and Gareth Petty, co-organisers for the event, commented: "This was a fantastic event from start to finish. The fire crew gave us a great send-off and even the sun came out for us on a bank holiday! An unbelievable turn-out for the bike ride plus the support from local businesses and the generosity of our auction bidders on the night, all made for an unforgettable day. A true testament to the popularity of our friend Kevin Barry and fitting tribute to his memory."

One of the revellers said: "I've never seen the 'Eddies' busier. There was a fantastic atmosphere and we laughed all night long. The whole day was conducted in the best spirit throughout, just the kind of celebration Kevin would have loved – I think he was looking down on us."

There are many people and businesses who gave their time, money and gifts to help make this event such an enormous success. We couldn't let this go unnoticed and want to recognise their generosity:

Trevor and his staff at the Edmondes Arms – for the venue and for working tirelessly on the busiest and hottest of nights.

Andy Tucker, for slaving over the barbecue, having taken part in the bike-ride – and all within hours of returning from holiday.

Tom Barry, for conducting the auction in such eloquent style.

Simon's Cycles, for loan bikes to those who needed them.

Star Inn, Wick, for the much needed bacon rolls at halfway; Rob and Jane at the H&G; the Fire Service crew for seeing us off in such style; Waitrose – for the fruit donations; Mike, Pattie, Hazel, Clair, Sues W & B, Charlotte and Michaela – our wonderful back-up crew who tracked the cyclists administering help, support, refreshments, Jelly Babies and comedy wise-cracks.

All those who donated to the auction: AJ Jewellery, Fablas Ice Cream, Primrose Ironing, the Barry and Warburton families, Lemon Tree, Bar 44, Thomas Carroll Group, Seven Oaks Fisheries, Town & Country Collective, Vale resort, Game Retail, CCFC & Ray Murphy, Trustmark, Hare & Hounds, the Bush Inn and The Stereophonics.

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HISTORY SOCIETY

THE annual general meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will be held on Monday, September 18, at 7.30pm, in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, CF32 9RF.

The meeting will be followed with a talk by Nicole Burnett on 'objects of time gone by'.

Only members of the society are able to vote at the meeting, but visitors are very welcome.

Autumn concert to bring light relief

BARRY Community Choir will hold an Autumn concert at St Peter's Church, Mill road, Dinas Powys at 7.30 pm on Friday, September 22 in support of the Parish of St Andrew Major Church Lighting Fund.

St Peter's Church is a Grade II listed Arts and Crafts Church designed by John Coates Carter and which was completed after his death in 1927. The internal lighting at St Peter's is being upgraded and replaced with energy efficient units.

The concert at St Peter's will be conducted by Sian Davies, the choir's regular accompanist and who also accompanies choirs and soloists across Wales and beyond. Chris Fossey, the accompanist and soloist, is an accomplished musician with a talent beyond his years. As part of a varied and entertaining repertoire, Beryl Weale will be reading excerpts of poetry. There will be a licensed bar.

Tickets are £5 and available from church members, Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (at the rear of Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane), and from the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

For more information about the concert and about St Peter's Church and the Parish of St Andrew Major, please contact the parish administrator, Judith Anderson, on 07765 513424 or stpetersdinaspowys@gmail.com.

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BIOMASS PLANT COULD AFFECT BARRY'S 'GROWING REPUTATION'

A REGIONAL Plaid Cymru Assembly Member says he fears that locating the Biomass plant in Barry could harm its reputation as a premier seaside destination, *writes a GEM reporter*.

Neil McEvoy, the South Wales Central AM, has added his name to the people making a formal objection.

The Biomass UK No 2 Ltd plant at Barry docks plans to burn waste to generate energy.

It hopes Natural Resources Wales will grant it an environmental permit to operate and says the plant will not be hazardous to the health of local people.

In his objection to the environmental watchdog, Natural Resources Wales, Mr McEvoy said: "I am writing to strongly object to the proposed development, for a Biomass plant in Barry.

"Plaid Cymru's vision for Barry is not one in which large volumes of waste are burnt in order to generate energy.

"Barry is a town fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful seas, a blue flagged beach at Whitmore Bay and beautiful countryside.

"Tourists flock to Barry and residents enjoy the natural assets the town has.

"Positioning a large Biomass plant on the seafront in Barry risks harming the town's growing reputation as a premier seaside destination and place to live."

Local Plaid councillor for the Castleland ward, Millie Collins, said that she was "horrified" by the proposals.

She said: "I am grateful for the support of Mr McEvoy. It is outrageous that the town is facing this unacceptable threat to our community.

"Not only will there be the risk of air pollution but there will be heavy lorries transporting the material through residential roads."

"The potential of pollution from the incinerator is serious and emissions could have a damaging impact on local residents' health."

Anti-antenna campaign 'could succeed'

A CAMPAIGN opposing a phone mast at the Knap Gardens in Barry looks as if it 'could be successful'.

Following the presentation of a 616-name petition, Vodafone has written to one of the petition organisers, Nette Harkus, to say it is considering an alternative site in a car park.

Ilana Clark, Vodafone community and relations manager, said: "Thank you for your email and petition into Vodafone.

"Your concerns have been passed onto CTIL as we plan and improve Vodafone's network of mobile phone base stations.

"I can advise that while the existing application is running, we are looking into an alternative site in response to feedback from the local community.

"Specifically, we are looking at the potential of relocating the proposed base station to a car park nearby that has now become available.

"Further to this, a site visit is due to take place shortly in order to establish whether the site would be suitable at the car park and what height would be required in order to provide coverage to the local community.

"It is envisaged that a much taller structure would be required, due to the nearby tall trees and railway embankment.

"Also in attendance at the site visit will be the planning case officer and two local councillors Nic Hodges and Steffan Wiliam."

Although Vodafone's intention has been to improve the local mobile signal, some Barry residents were concerned that a mast at the Knap, a treasured beauty spot, would be an eyesore.

The proposed mast would have been situated in front of the Bridge Café which is within a conservation area and only stone's throw from the Knap's green flag park.

At 14 metres high, the mast would be three metres shorter than the UK's average mast height, and 13 metres shorter than Europe's average mast height.

Vale MP Alun Cairns met Graham Dunn of Vodafone in early September to discuss the suggested site for the mast, and the concerns which constituents have raised regarding the blotting of the landscape.

During the meeting, Mr Dunn informed Mr Cairns that a large proportion of installations are planned according to customers' demands, and that Vodafone has received numerous complaints concerning the absence of sufficient mobile signal at the Knap, hence the provider's efforts to erect a mast in order to rectify the issue.

Mr Cairns said: "I was grateful to meet Mr Dunn in order to explain residents' points of objection directly to a Vodafone representative.

"While I understand that Vodafone wants to reach maximum coverage as soon as possible, the installation of a mast has to be in the right place.

"No location will be perfect; however, I believe that residents' concerns have to be considered as well, not just the engineering benefits of a site."

Local MP Alun Cairns with Graham Dunn of Vodafone at the Knap site

Pizza, Paul and merry

FORMER MP and Welsh Secretary Paul Murphy will be the guest at Vale Labour Party's Barry Island Discs.

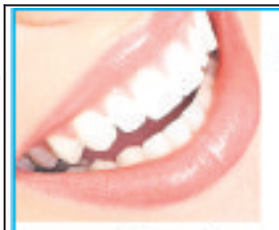
Now Baron Murphy of Torfaen – he served in the cabinets of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown – will share his favourite discs with question master Lorraine Barrett.

Mr Murphy served two spells as Welsh Secretary and one as Northern Ireland Secretary.

Barry Island Discs is an occasional fundraising evening held by the Vale of Glamorgan Labour Party for members and supporters.

The evening will be held at Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, on Saturday, October 14 at 7pm; tickets cost £10.

For tickets or more information, email valeofglamlabour@hotmail.com.



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Lucky Logan's Wales dream comes true!

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WHAT greater thrill for a young football fan can there be than belting out the Welsh national anthem with Gareth Bale at a packed stadium before a World Cup qualifier?

That was the unforgettable experience of 11-year-old schoolboy, Logan Rodgers, from Bridgend.

Logan, who plays for Bryntirion Football, was one of the mascots on the night and walked out with the Wales and Real Madrid star.

But the opportunity to take part in the pre-match ritual was a stroke of luck as his mother Gemma explained.

"My other son Mason, aged 10, had entered a competition with JD Sports to be a mascot.

"I decided to enter Logan too, and he was one of the winners.

"When he came out with Gareth Bale, I got the shock of my life."

The family, including Mason, Gemma's husband Lee, and his 14-year-old daughter Summer, were able to savour the electric atmosphere in the lead-up to the clash with Austria and be there to witness Logan's special moment in the limelight.

Logan told The GEM that the mascots were divided into two teams: number one and number two. He was placed in the number one team and that was the group that was to walk out of the tunnel with Wales.

"I was the number 9 mascot and thought I might walk out with Gareth Bale or Hal Robson-Kanu.

"When they joined us, I was with Gareth Bale. I said 'Hi Gareth'. He said when we got out onto the pitch to let go of his hand so he could do his warm-up routine.

"It was amazing to walk out with Wales, and a dream come true to do it with Gareth Bale.

"I could hear him singing the anthem.

"The best thing is that I support Real Madrid as well."

Logan (left) singing the Welsh national anthem with his hero Gareth Bale.

Vale children invited to design Vale Mayor's Christmas card

THE Vale Mayor, Coun Janice Charles, is inviting local children to design her official Christmas card.

The Mayor sends over 500 cards each year to other civic heads throughout Wales, the rest of the UK and Europe, as well as throughout the Vale.

Details of how to enter are below but if you have any queries contact the Mayor's office on 01446 422406 or email jmebrown@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. The closing date is 5pm on Monday, October 9.

How to enter:

Your entry can be a photograph, a drawing, a cartoon, a picture – we are open to all ideas. It would be great to have a link to the Mayor's charities: The Barry and District Soroptimists, Baby Basics, Woodys Lodge; and, of course … to Christmas!

We need an image we can use on a card – landscape (10 x 15cm), portrait (15 x 10cm) or square (up to 14cm square).

Send your design in to us by email or in the post. Please ensure you give us your name and school address with your entry. (You must live within the Vale of Glamorgan.)

By email: You can supply your entry to us by as PDF, JPEG, Tiff, EPS – needs to be 300dpi at the size of the card. Send to: TMayor@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

By post to: Christmas Card Competition, The Mayor's Office, The Town Hall, King Square, Barry, CF63 4RW.

All entries need to be received by 5pm on Monday, October 9.

Categories:

There are five categories and a winner will be chosen from each one.

Nursery and reception; years 1 – 3; years 4 – 6; years 7 – 9; and years 10 – 12.

What happens if you win: the winner of each category, together with their family and teachers, will be invited to the Mayor's Parlour to receive a framed image of their entry. The overall winner will be announced as the official designer of Her Worship the Mayor's Christmas card for 2017 and the design will be professionally printed.

By submitting your entry to the Mayor's office you are agreeing to Her Worship the Mayor of The Vale of Glamorgan using the picture in her 2017 Official Christmas Card. It is our decision whether to use any artwork and we may select more than one entry. We will accept entries from the Vale of Glamorgan only.

Competition Rules:

1. Entries to this competition will be accepted via email and post.

2. The prize for one winner consists of a framed print of the card. There is no cash alternative. Entry to the competition is restricted to one entry per person.

3. Automated entries, bulk entries or third party entries will be disqualified.

4. Competition is open to children and young adults resident in the Vale of Glamorgan only. Written permission of their parents or guardian will be required to confirm acceptance of the prize and agreement to post-promotion publicity.

5. The winner(s) will be chosen by the Mayor's judging team.

6. The winner will be contacted via email or post. The winner's name will be displayed on our website and on the cards when printed.

7. The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

8. The competition will run until 5pm on October 9, 2017.

9. The Vale of Glamorgan Council is compliant with the Data Protection Act 1998. Our policy is such that we will not pass on your details to any third party.

10. Promoter: Julie Brown, Mayor's Office, The Town Hall, King Square, Barry, CF 63 4RW.

The Mayor looks forward to seeing all entries and would like to thank you very much for your assistance. ***JB***

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DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMANS RIDE PENARTH
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WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

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M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Depot
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New year start for Five Mile Lane upgrade

WORK will start early next year on planned upgrading of Five Mile Lane, it was announced this week.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies had raised the issue in the Assembly, saying that residents "would like the situation clarified".

In a written question to Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates, the Welsh Tory leader asked for confirmation of the start date, budget, and estimated completion date of the project.

In response, Mr Skates said he "expected" construction to begin in the new year and that he anticipated works would be finished by summer 2019.

Mr Davies had stated: "Vale residents would rightly like to know when any planned works on Five Mile Lane will take place and when they are likely to be completed.

"It's clear our transport links need to be improved – but we need a clear plan for doing so.

"While I thank the Cabinet Secretary for his update, I will continue to press for more information on how the project is progressing," he added.

Andrew RT Davies pictured at the junction of the A48 and Five Mile Lane.

Dunkirk reminded us of the efforts of HM Armed Forces past and present

Vale MP Alun Cairns
Secretary of State for Wales
reports to GEM readers

THIS summer's big blockbuster, *Dunkirk*, saw millions of people take their seats in cinemas across the world to watch the retelling of one of Great Britain's most inspiring wartime achievements.

We as a nation are inherently proud of our Armed Forces and continue to be thankful for their heroic efforts, past and present, to protect us.

On Sunday I had the privilege of attending a service to remember and honour those who fought in the Battle of Britain.

A truly moving service, it was humbling to reflect on the military campaign which saw an estimated 1,500 British crew members lose their lives in British airspace to defend our country.

It is thanks to local branches of the Royal Air Forces Association and their hosting of services such as that which took place on Sunday, that generations later we remember those who fell for our freedom.

Our Armed Forces today continue to inspire us, demonstrated clearly by the numbers of children and teenagers who are dedicated members of youth groups linked to the military branches.

The pride of these youngsters as they parade with their groups is a pleasure to witness.

I commend the individuals in the Vale who give their spare time to ensure that these opportunities are available to our young, aspiring military personnel.

Educating these young enthusiasts on the British Armed Forces is crucial. Equally, as a society we must educate ourselves on the effects which combat can have on service men and women. The transition back into civilian life is rarely straightforward and too often leads to untreated mental illness, homelessness and suicide amongst other tragic consequences.

Charities such as the Royal British Legion and Help For Heroes are invaluable in supporting returned military personnel and their families. I had the privilege of meeting Help For Heroes only recently and was moved to hear of the local projects carried out by the Band of Brothers and Sisters.

Furthermore, fantastic locally based voluntary groups host events like the Veterans' Breakfasts which are an ideal opportunity for previous personnel to socialise as well as speak to organisations who can assist them in numerous ways.

I am immensely proud that here in the Vale we care for our service men and women, and veterans. If you need support of this nature but do not know how you can access it, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01446 403814 or alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk.

Railway holds 'Open Doors' event this month

DID you or a member of your family work on the railway at Tondu?

At one time Tondu was one of the busiest junctions in Britain, serving the mining valleys to the north and connecting to Bridgend and mainline stations to the south. The station opened in 1864 as part of the Dyffryn Llynfi and Porthcawl Railway and in 1883 the station and associated lines became part of the Great Western Railway.

Over the years Tondu Junction grew in size, with a large engine shed to stable locomotives, a wagon works, a marshalling yard and signal boxes.

The station at Tondu also served passengers and a favourite destination was Porthcawl. Many people might remember longer day trips to places such as Blackpool.

The station closed to passenger traffic in 1970 but an hourly service on the Maesteg line recommenced in 1992. The line to the Ogmore Valley has gone, but most of the track to the Garw Valley remains and the Garw Valley Railway society is working towards re-opening the line between Pontycymmer and Tondu as a heritage railway.

On Friday and Saturday September 22 and 23, Wesley Church Centre Tondu (the Methodist Church) will be open from 10am to 3pm to celebrate and remember 'The Railway Heritage of Tondu'.

This event takes place as part of the Open Doors scheme run by Cadw in Wales. You will be able to see photographs, maps, models and artefacts that tell the story of Tondu Junction and there will be an opportunity to find out more about the plans of the Garw Valley Railway Society.

Perhaps you can help with this project?

We are looking for photographs, memorabilia or eyewitness accounts of the railway in Tondu and district.

If you think you can help, or you know someone who could, then please make contact, or just come along on the Friday or Saturday and enjoy reminiscing about old times.

You can ring Jeff on 01656 662671 or Malcolm on 01656 724335.

Everyone is welcome, admission is free and light refreshments will be available on both days. **JJ**

Vale Council spokesperson reports 'cycling inequality'

THE Vale Council is supporting a campaign that offers women free bike rides in an effort to reduce what a spokes-person called "the 'inequality between the number of male and female cyclists".

Through the council, the HSBC UK Breeze programme delivers free, local weekly rides for women.

The number of female cyclists has increased in the last few years.

The rides were introduced into the Vale last year and there are two 'Breeze Champions': Sara Novo and Hilary May.

The rides vary in speed and terrain and the Breeze Champions will ensure no one is left behind.

Both champions are also looking to set up regular coaching sessions for women in the Vale.

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Pork Farm party for a 'community hero'

A NATIONWIDE search for local community 'heroes' is drawing to a close, with voting on all the nominations received thrown open to the public.

Pork pie makers Pork Farms is seeking people who "go above and beyond" in their acts of kindness, and are now calling on the public to help them decide who should reach the top 25. These will then be narrowed down and the top five winners will be chosen by a panel.

A spokesman said: "We would like to urge the public to spend some time reading the nominations and pledge their vote on who they feel is the most deserving unsung hero.

"We would then like to surprise them with a party for themselves, their friends and family to make them the centre of attention for a change."

People have until midnight on September 22 to cast their votes at www.porkfarmsparty.co.uk.

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500th shout for St Athan SAR helis

THE St Athan HM Coastguard search and rescue (SAR) helicopter team has completed its 500th mission since Bristow Helicopters commenced SAR operations on behalf of HM Coastguard in October 2015.

The base was one of the first purpose-built sites created as Bristow took responsibility for the UK SAR service, with each new base representing an investment worth in the region of £7 million.

One of 10 HM Coastguard SAR helicopter bases located strategically around the UK, St Athan provides vital life-saving support to the fishing and other marine industries and the offshore energy sector, as well as to land-based incidents including missing persons and other medical emergencies.

Bristow crews are delivering the UK SAR helicopter service on behalf of HM Coastguard with state-of-the-art helicopters, equipped with the latest search and rescue technology including night vision, mission management and increased onboard medical capabilities.

Completing 500 missions in just over two years is a significant occasion for St Athan's dedicated teams of pilots and specialist winchman paramedics, winch operators, engineers and support staff, the majority of whom transferred to the new SAR service from the former military operation.

Captain Olly Padbury, chief pilot at St Athan, said: "Reaching 500 jobs is a very proud moment for the base and comes after an extremely busy month, with over 50 SAR call-outs in August.

"I can't remember a busier month in all my years in SAR.

"A huge amount of work has gone into providing search and rescue from St Athan since we opened in October 2015 and I am very proud of the team here."

"Our focus is always on bringing people home safely from a search and rescue operation, dedicating ourselves to year-round training, and living up to the incredibly high standard that the UK SAR service has been renowned for delivering for more than 70 years.

"Many people won't be aware just how regularly we are called out as, compared to the sound of an ambulance or fire engine passing by, our missions are often undertaken in remote and challenging areas where our work goes unseen.

"We rely on the public for their support – in terms of preparing themselves as well as possible before they venture out on land and at sea, and for providing accurate information when calling 999 for assistance."

The St Athan base has a team of 30 employees located at the Coastguard SAR base at St Athan Aerospace in South Wales.

Bristow began operating the UK's SAR helicopter service on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) in 2015, after winning the tender in 2013.

G-MCGN, an AgustaWestland AW189, operated by Bristow on behalf HM Coastguard and based at St Athan.

Unexpected pause in GEM production

THIS is a photo of my cat, Misky, reading The GEM. She is 17 and appears regularly on the Rhoose Community Library Facebook site.

However, as well as reading The GEM, she does like to chew it too.

Phyllis Nelson (library volunteer)

Do you have an amusing photograph of your pet, big or small, reading The GEM? If so, please send it in to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk. We would love to see them!

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Materials and other donations sought for charity garden makeover

A CHARITY volunteer from Llantwit Major has appealed to GEM readers to donate spare garden materials to help in a project in Barry.

Robin Davies said the charity, Innovate Trust, can pick up anything that is donated to the charity.

He explained: "The trust runs several supported housing schemes throughout the Vale for people with learning disabilities and autism.

"The scheme I work for is in Coldbrook Close in Barry. There are three residents who would benefit from a garden makeover to provide a more pleasant environment.

"The project also provides them with important sensory stimuli, as well as the opportunity to participate in gardening activities and grow their own healthy vegetables.

"The garden has been neglected for some time, but we have made a start by digging flower beds, upcycling old decking to create border edging, creating a sandpit, and a water feature, and adding trellises for climbing plants, as well as a raised veg plot."

GEM readers may be of assistance to Mr Davies and fellow volunteers.

"Can I ask Glamorgan GEM readers who have any materials or other garden equipment surplus to requirements that could be rehomed in a worthy cause to consider donating them to our efforts?

"The most useful donations would be topsoil, play sand, weed suppressant sheeting, pea shingle, bark chippings, terracotta flower pots, seed propagators, seeds, plants, shrubs, trees, bulbs, solar led lights, wind chimes or spinners, anything that could enhance the garden really.

"Any contributions large or small would be greatly appreciated and would help make a difference to the lives of our residents. We can collect in the local area if necessary."

Robin Davies can be contacted on 07929 337790 or by email at robin.davies64@gmail.com.

Paget Rooms hosts St Paul's consultation

PLANS for the redevelopment of St Paul's Church, Arcot Street, in Penarth will go on display at a public consultation event on Wednesday, September 20.

The drop-in event for residents will take place at the Paget Rooms in Penarth between 3pm and 8pm at which proposed plans for the development by Newydd Housing Association can be viewed and comments received.

Following the recent consideration of several redevelopment options for the site by the Vale Council, the initial scheme comprises the retention of the existing front elevation of the church, a multi-purpose community hall and 15 one and two-bedroom flats.

Kathryn Morris, development surveyor at Newydd said: "I would like to encourage local residents to drop in and see us at the event to view proposals in more detail and raise any questions with our team.

"If residents are unable to attend the event but would like to share their views, they are welcome to contact our planning consultants by calling Jon Hurley from WYG on 02920 829200 or email jon.hurley@wyg.com."

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DIAG hands in petition with 10,734 names to Natural Resources Wales

THE Docks Incinerator Action Group has handed over a 10,734-name petition to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) opposing Biomass being given an environmental permit to operate its plant at Barry docks.

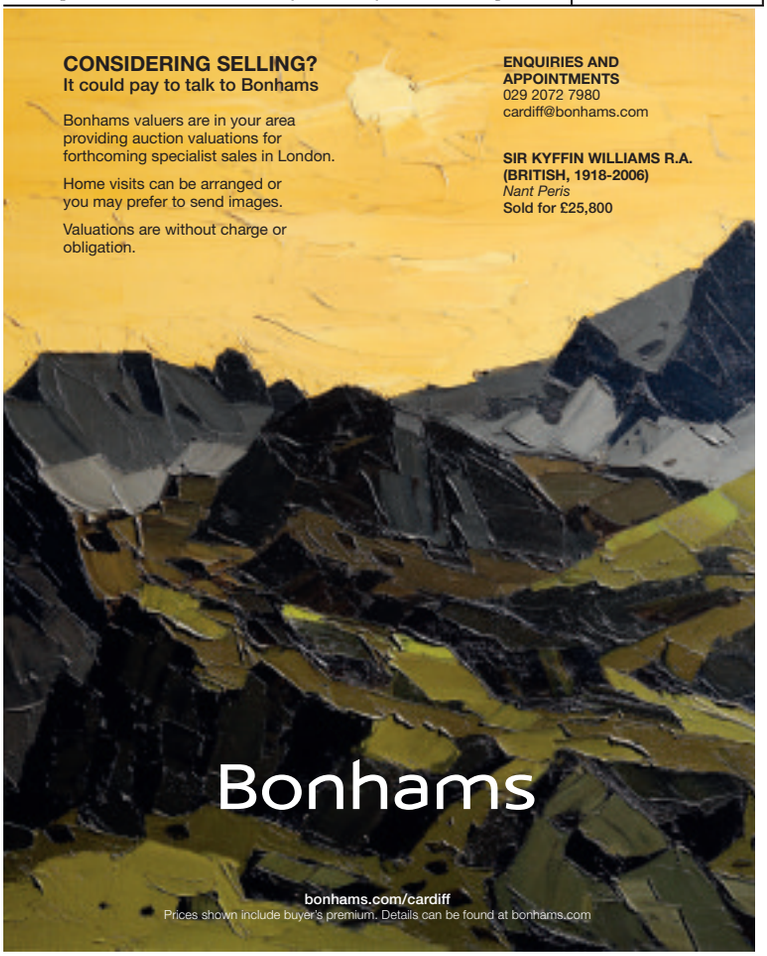
A spokesman said: "You've probably seen Anne going around with her clipboard collecting over 6,000 signatures. We have now handed over our petition, and combined with the online version, it came to 10,734 names in total.

"This is now in the hands of NRW. A brilliant achievement – and thank you to everyone who has signed."

Group 617 Veterans coffee morning

ON September 26 from 10am to 12pm the Group 617 Veterans will hold a coffee morning.

This will take place at Town Council offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry (CF62 8NA – annexe to Memorial Hall/Theatre). Raffle and stalls, entry £2.



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Question – and answer – time for Welsh Secretary

THE Government is working to secure the best deal for Wales and the United Kingdom as it prepares to leave the European Union, says Alun Cairns.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was answering a question in the Commons from Plaid Cymru MP, Liz Saville-Roberts.

She said that this month marks the 20th anniversary of the referendum that brought devolution to Wales.

Ms Saville-Roberts said: "The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill is a bare-faced Westminster bid to take back control against the will of the people of Wales.

"Will the minister tell the House what his Government will do when Wales denies consent to the Bill later this year? Would it not be political folly to press ahead in such circumstances?"

She also challenged Mr Cairns on "broken promises".

She said: "The Secretary of State has said in the past that there will be more powers for Wales, but is not his rhetoric undermined by the Government's record of broken promises?

"The tidal lagoon — no decision; S4C funding — slashed; rail electrification — cancelled. Will he list the powers that Wales can look forward to and say when we will hear what they are?"

Mr Cairns said withdrawal from the EU is about creating the smoothest form of exit that the Government can deliver.

He said he and First Secretary of State, Damian Green, had met Welsh First Minister Carwyn Jones earlier in the week and are keen to deepen their engagement even further.

Mr Cairns told Ms Saville-Roberts: "We want the Welsh Government to respond so that we can come up with the sort of frameworks that will work for every part of the United Kingdom.

"I am disappointed by the tone of the Honourable Lady's question.

"She is well aware of our strong record on devolution? Earlier this year, we passed the Wales Act 2017.

"Last December, we agreed a new fiscal framework, which gives Wales a very fair settlement.

"We are trying to work as closely as possible with the Welsh Government to deliver an exit from the European Union that works for every part of the UK. Wales is obviously my interest in that."

He was also questioned by Monmouth MP David T C Davies.

Mr Davies said that since the Brexit referendum result, Wales has seen record inward investment, record levels of employment and a proposal to scrap the Severn bridge tolls.

He asked Mr Cairns: "Does that not show that under the Conservative Government, the future for Wales is very good indeed?"

Mr Cairns said Mr Davies is a passionate campaigner for not only the UK and Wales but for the benefits of leaving the European Union.

He said: "We want a stronger, fairer, more united and outward-looking Union, and members on both sides of this House have a role to play in that."

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London platform for local artisanal food producers

A COMPANY from Bridgend – The Parsnipship – has taken three prizes at this year's Great Taste Awards at the Speciality and Fine Food Fair in London.

The Parsnipship was among 22 Welsh speciality food and drink producers – including Sim's Food from Pontyclun – that exhibited under the Food and Drink Wales banner at the fair, held from September 3 to 5.

The Bridgend company was awarded the following in the Welsh Great Taste category: two stars for its Glamorgan Crumble; one star for its Tandoori Chicken and Lentil Mash-up; and one star for its Puy Lentil and Wild Mushroom Pâté.

A spokesperson said: "Food and Drink Wales is coordinating a strong Welsh representation from a wide range of sectors, including confectionery, cheese, vegetarian and vegan snacks through to baking and drinks, with most – including The Parsnipship – having recently tasted success at the Great Taste Awards 2017.

"Wales has a long established reputation for fine food and drink products and boasts a wealth of food producers whose products have tasted worldwide success.

"This year sees a range of new product launches – the variety of which clearly demonstrates the creativity and innovation emerging from Wales."

Flo Ticehurst of The Parsnipship – its signature dish is the Glamorgan Crumble – said: "Trade events such as the Speciality and Fine Food Fair are an important window outside of Wales for Welsh food and drink producers and we are delighted to be part of this event following on our recent successes at the Great Taste Awards, which we are overjoyed about.

"It's an excellent way of showcasing our products, to reach potential new customers, but most importantly an excellent chance to promote Wales to potential visitors from the UK and the many others that attend the event from across the world."

Yumbles! A selection of The Parsnipship's creations.

Glamorgan Crumble, The Parsnipship's signature dish and two-star winner.

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Coun Andrew Parker with Joe Payne of Llamau.

Two homeless charities get helping hand from council

THE Vale Council has again pledged financial support to two homelessness charities as efforts to combat the problem in the area continue.

Llamau, an organisation that has been working for more than 30 years to help homeless and vulnerable young people across Wales, will receive £18,000 over the next financial year, which will be put towards its Advice and Supported Lodgings projects.

Based at 236, Holton Road, Barry, Llamau runs a one-stop shop for young people aged 16 to 25 in housing need in the Vale.

It offers advice on housing and benefits, a family mediation service, homelessness prevention services, a supported lodgings scheme and tenancy support.

The supported lodgings scheme offers those with a spare room the opportunity to let a young person in need use it, in turn developing the skills needed to live independently.

This will be the 12th consecutive year in which the council has provided Llamau with grant support.

In addition to supporting these initiatives, the council has also pledged £5,000 to the Tabernacle Home Access Project.

This scheme, run by the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Penarth through the Home Access charity, provides advice and support for those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness in the Vale.

Coun Andrew Parker, Vale Council cabinet member for housing and building services, said: "Homelessness is a huge problem nationally and, though numbers of people who find themselves in this position are low in the Vale compared to some other parts of the country, the issue is just as devastating for those who do.

"We hope the money the council has committed to Llamau and the Tabernacle Baptist Church's Home Access project will help both continue the invaluable work they are doing to help some of our community's most vulnerable members."

Frances Beecher, Llamau chief executive, said: "We're extremely grateful for the support given to Llamau by the Vale Council. Our ongoing relationship with the council ensures the best outcomes for the most vulnerable young people in the Vale, who are experiencing homelessness.

"The Vale Council has always been proactive in addressing issues of vulnerability and homelessness and Llamau is delighted to continue to work in partnership with them."

Vale Council 'hat-trick' as best in Wales

THE Vale Council has been ranked as the highest performing local authority in Wales for the third year running.

The 2016/17 local government performance bulletin, compiled by the Data Unit Wales, assesses councils' performance in 25 high priority areas.

Rob Thomas, managing director, said: "To be ranked as the best performing local authority in Wales for the third year running is an unprecedented achievement.

"This success is firm evidence that this organisation is staffed by some of the very best people in their fields."

More on this in next week's GEM.

WASPI meeting

WASPI campaigners in south Wales have arranged a meeting on Thursday, September 21 at 7pm in the bar of the Village Hotel, Cardiff, just off junction 32 of the M4.

Those attending are asked to black, or black and purple, for easy recognition.

WASPI stands for 'Women Against State Pension Inequality' and the campaign is fighting for fair transitional pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s affected by changes to the state pension law.

For women interested in the campaign, the website is: www.waspi.co.uk.

South Wales' firefighters five-time world extrication champs

FIREFIGHTERS from South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS) are celebrating becoming world champions at extrication for the fifth time, having taken on 16 other countries at a recent contest in Romania. This follows the service's success at the competition in Rio de Janeiro last year.

Five-time champions, including two consecutive wins, for the Bridgend team of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

The team from Bridgend competed in the World Rescue Challenge in Târgu Mureș, Romania earlier this month.

There were a total of 36 teams from 16 countries taking part, with teams being assessed on vehicle rescue and trauma situations, where vehicles were damaged and positioned to simulate real road traffic collisions (RTCs), as well as personnel acting as trapped casualties.

A spokesman for SWFRS said: "The team of six from this region performed to the highest of standards, achieving first place in two scenarios, with team members also winning all individual awards.

"These included:

Best Incident Commander - Station Manager Andrew Morgan;

Best Medic Award - Watch Manager Roger Magan and Crew Manager Leslie Evans;

Best Technical Team - Watch Manager Allyn Hosey, Watch Manager Mark Isles and Firefighter Matthew Leman."

Also taking part in the competition was SWFRS's Trauma team consisting of Crew Manager Emyrs Davies and Crew Manager Jim Grant, who performed to a very high level, coming 12th overall in the Trauma Challenge.

Group Manager Shaun Moody, who is Team Manager on behalf of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service said: "This was a fantastic achievement with the team winning back-to-back World Challenges, particularly as this year's team has two new members.

"The team's skills and experience was evident throughout the challenge and we were up against some very stiff competition.

"The knowledge acquired by the team will now be passed onto all of our operational crews to improve patient survival at RTCs we attend and I would also like to remind all drivers to drive safely and at the correct road speeds.

"We may be world champions at extrication and trauma, but we would prefer not to have to cut someone out of their car due to being distracted or driving at speed."

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service is recruiting for on-call firefighters for its stations in Cowbridge and Barry.

For more information, telephone 01443 232200 or visit www.southwales-fire.gov.uk or @SWFRS_CAREERS.

NEW CHIEF CONSTABLE OF SOUTH WALES POLICE ANNOUNCED

THE Police and Crime Panel for South Wales has approved the appointment of Matt Jukes as Chief Constable of South Wales Police from January 1, 2018.

The Panel endorsed a decision by Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael to appoint Mr Jukes at a meeting in Merthyr Tydfil earlier today.

The need to appoint a new chief constable followed the announcement by the current chief constable, Peter Vaughan QPM, of his intention to retire at the end of December.

Mr Michael said: "Deciding who will lead South Wales Police for the coming years, following the retirement of Peter Vaughan, is probably the most important single decision that I will be called upon to make as Police and Crime Commissioner.

"The force has come through a tough and challenging period of years in good shape thanks to Peter's strong leadership, but the future is also going to be tough and challenging, so we need an outstanding leader to take South Wales Police to a new level, working ever more closely with partners and enabling communities across South Wales to be safe and confident.

"I am certain and confident that in Matt Jukes we have the right person – an outstanding leader with the integrity, the personality, the intellect, the skills and a strong personal commitment to South Wales and to our people.

"I am therefore delighted that the Police and Crime Panel has approved my appointment of Matt Jukes as Chief Constable of South Wales from January 2018."

Mr Jukes appeared before the Police and Crime Panel which then formally accepted the recommendation from Mr Michael to appoint him as chief constable.

Mr Michael added: "I am grateful to all the people who gave of their time to be involved in this process. It illustrates the importance of the role that the men and women on the panels included council leaders, chief executives, senior executives and academics from a variety of disciplines and agencies.

"Peter Vaughan will continue to lead the force through the remaining months of 2017, and there will be an opportunity in due course to pay tribute to his outstanding leadership of South Wales Police. For now I am delighted that Peter has welcomed my decision and expressed confidence in Matt Jukes to build on sound foundations and take the police team of South Wales to new levels despite the significant financial and other challenges we will face over the next few years."

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan said: "I am thrilled with the appointment of Matt Jukes to become the next chief constable of South Wales Police. I have had the pleasure of working with Matt for the last seven years and consider him to be an individual with huge professional and practical experience. I know he will make a positive difference."

Mr Jukes added: "I'm delighted and humbled to be appointed by Alun Michael to succeed Peter Vaughan as chief constable of South Wales Police.

"Working with Peter has been a master-class and the opportunity to take the force forward is a tremendous privilege. I'm very proud of our people and our many partnerships that have done so much to keep South Wales safe. But we cannot stand still against the challenges we now face and I am determined to maintain our progress in preventing crime and protecting our communities."

Police appeal for witnesses to a brace of Bridgend burglaries

OFFICERS investigating two daytime burglaries in Bridgend are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

The first property in Oakland Road was targeted sometime between 11.20am and 1.45pm on Wednesday, September 6, and the second on Wyndham Crescent was targeted between 1.10pm and 3.25pm on the same day.

Jewellery was stolen during both burglaries, which are being linked by officers, and anyone who is offered items for sale, which they suspect could be stolen, is urged to contact us immediately.

Anyone who witnessed anything suspicious in the area at the above times, or who has information about the thefts should call 101, quoting reference 1700348482 (Oakland Road) or 1700348740 (Wyndham Crescent).

Pop-up cafe pops up again

PORTHCAWL'S ethical, Saturday, pop-up cafe is back this weekend.

Restarting after its summer break it will open every third Saturday in the month, starting September 16, in The Green Room, above SUSSED, James Street, Porthcawl, 10.30am till 4pm.

The community-run café serves homemade bread, soups, cakes and savouries all at reasonable prices. Volunteer bakers aim to use mainly Fairtrade and local ingredients, offering both savoury and sweet dishes for morning coffee, lunch and tea.

SUSSED director Margaret Minhinnick said: "So please join us, and sample our rich coffee, refreshing tea, luxurious hot chocolate, chilled cola, fun fruit spritzers and taste our tantalizing cakes, soups, sarnies and snacks."

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Cheers! NFU Cymru welcomes Wetherspoon's Welsh menu

NFU Cymru has welcomed a move by the pub chain JD Wetherspoon to support the Welsh farming industry with the launch of a new Welsh menu.

The new menu, launched last week and in the run up to Red Tractor Week (September 11-17), will showcase a range of food and drink from suppliers across Wales, as well as meat from Welsh farms.

Commenting on the launch, NFU Cymru president Stephen James said: "This increased backing can only be a good thing for the Welsh food and drink industry and, consequently, Welsh farmers and growers."

Among the meals are Welsh Dragon sausages, Welsh beef and ale pie and Welsh Celtic Pride beef cottage pie.

The menu will be available across all 50 of JD Wetherspoon's establishments in Wales.

Mr James said: "I'm delighted to hear the news that a well-established high street pub chain like JD Wetherspoon has introduced a new Welsh menu in its establishments across Wales.

"In doing so they are complementing the plethora of other independent pubs and restaurants across Wales who already prioritise providing their customers with Welsh produce.

"I'm sure this Welsh addition to Wetherspoon's menu will prove extremely popular with punters in Wales."

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AM'S PRAISE FOR VALE MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY

Jane Hutt (seventh from right) with Mind trustees and volunteers.

AT the Mind In The Vale AGM held on September 1, Vale AM Jane Hutt said she was 'grateful' to be given the chance to attend and thank Mind In The Vale for all its hard work.

Ms Hutt said: "Mind In The Vale is so important for two reasons.

"Firstly, because mental health is such a key and increasingly recognised policy issue and priority and, secondly, because Mind is such an important, effective and pioneering third sector organisation in the Vale supporting over 1,200 people directly this year and helping to make the work of agencies, professionals and businesses in the Vale more meaningful."

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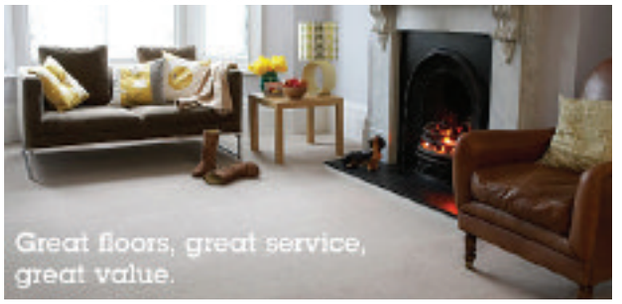

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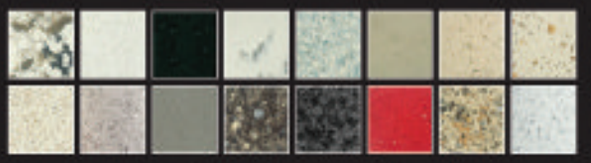

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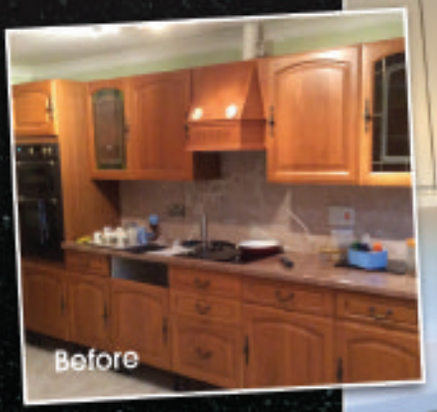

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Out & About with The GEM

THIS WEEK'S GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA

Councillors' surgery

COUNS Leighton Rowlands and Vincent Bailey will be holding an advice surgery on Saturday, September 16 at Highlight Community Centre from 10am – 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend and raise local issues that concern them: no appointment necessary.

MP's surgery

VALE MP Alun Cairns will be holding a surgery on Saturday, September 16 at the Old School in Llantwit Major, between 10.30am and 12 noon. All constituents are welcome, by appointment only.

To book an appointment to see Alun, please contact his office on 01446 403814 or alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk.

Wings Appeal

THE Penarth branch of the RAF Association will be collecting for the charity's 'Wings Appeal' on Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16 in Penarth town centre.

They will also hold their annual wreath laying service at the War Memorial, Alexandra Gardens (off Rectory Road), Penarth at 11.30am on Sunday, September 17 and welcome all to attend.

Contact the Penarth RAF Association branch on 01446 730894 or e mail linda.49taylor@tiscali.co.uk.

The Penarth branch also support the local Air Training Corps who also take part in the Battle of Britain service. Their contact details are: 1148 Squadron Air Training Corps, Dingle Rod, Penarth; oc.1148@aircadets.org and 02920 350448. They meet Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, September 16 from 9.30am to 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Councillors' surgery

COUNS Gordon Kemp and Matthew Lloyd will be holding a surgery on Saturday, September 16 between 10am and 11am at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose. No appointment is necessary.

Messy church

ON Sunday, September 17 at 2.30pm, Messy Church takes place in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite the Old Village Shop), and then every third Sunday in the month.

St Mary's Church and Zoar, Bonvilston, warmly invite toddlers (with their parents) and youngsters of all ages to the fun afternoon. There will be games, crafts, Bible story, sing-song, refreshments and there is plenty of parking.

Further information from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020, Rev Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

NEST programme

DO you want help with your energy bills, or free impartial advice on cutting your energy bills?

Find out if you eligible for home improvements through the Welsh Government NEST Programme.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, September 19 from 10am to 12 pm. This will be held at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry. Come along and talk to an adviser from the NEST team; call 01446 732385 for further information. If you need a home visit, call 08088 082244.

Cancer advocacy

IF you are over 50 and affected by cancer; if you are a carer and looking for support, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a Cancer in The Older Person advocacy which can help you with one to one support in many ways: accompany you to medical appointments including chemotherapy/radiotherapy, help with form filling, assistance in what practical and financial help is available etc.

A session will be held on Tuesday, September 19 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, Barry. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Care and Repair

IF you are a home owner or private tenant living in Vale of Glamorgan; if you are elderly, disabled and need advice or support on repairs or home improvements, Care and Repair in Vale can help to adapt and maintain your home.

They can give advice on grants available and information on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, September 19 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale, Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information if needed.

Library quiz

THE Friends of Penarth Library are holding a quiz (in the library) on Wednesday, September 20 at 6pm.

The cost will be £2 per person and there will be a raffle and refreshments. To book in a team contact Penarth Library on 02920 708438. Maximum of six per team.

Free computer classes

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Ageing Well

FOLLOWING the success of Age Connects' Ageing Well information session a further session will be held at Penarth Library.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale can 'signpost' you to the relevant information and an adviser from the project can show the multitude of services that Age Connects provides, and all the activities within the project.

This session will be held on Thursday, September 24 from 10am to 12pm; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Chasing Shadows exhibition at the Old Hall, Cowbridge

LLANDOW-based artist, Nick Davies, is holding an exhibition – *Chasing Shadows* – at the Old Hall, Cowbridge. The exhibition runs until Friday, September 29.

Nick, who had what she describes as an "extensive career working in the media industry", has spent the past 10 years developing her own portfolio of images relating to the landscape.

She said: "As my arts practice has developed, I have become fascinated with the micro world of nature. I am greatly inspired by the Welsh landscape and my chosen coastal environment in the Vale, especially Monknash, is fundamental to my practice as a visual artist.

Nick, who is entered in the 165th Annual Open Exhibition at the Royal West of England Academy (RWA) in Bristol, added: "By stepping outside into nature, I allow myself to become open to reflection through contact with natural phenomena. In wishing to represent an evolving landscape, it is my intention to communicate its essence through transcribing changing patterns revealed from reflected water patterns, the flow of a waterfall, dappled light, casting of shadows, and the intrinsic mysteries associated with the imprint of time."

Nick works from her studio premises in Llandow, and offer arts facilitation for educational projects as well as private commissioned pieces.

There will be an opportunity to meet Nick at the Old Hall on September 29 to discuss her work and practice.

Flow *by Nick Davies*.

She hopes to host another on Saturday, September 23, although this is to be confirmed.

The Old Hall is open Monday 9am to 5pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 9pm, and Friday 9am to 1pm.

The Annual Open Exhibition at the RWA runs from October 1 to December 3 this year.

For more information on Nick Davies, visit www.nickdaviesart.co.uk or go to twitter.com/nick1967_nick.

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Christmas Party Guide

When it comes to planning that special Christmas meal... there's just so much choice in and around the Vale

THERE is a lot to be said for planning a Christmas party as a real outing, and in the Vale and Bridgend areas, that can mean a trip into one of our towns or out into the country.

So many venues – be they country pubs, hotels or establishments in small villages – are now tuned into welcoming Christmas parties, and they have become skilled at meeting all requirements.

Naturally people want to enjoy a few drinks at a party so it makes sense to hire a mini-bus so no-one has to drive home.

A mini-bus or coach can be part of the build-up to the evening. It can increase the 'buzz' and camaraderie, getting everyone relaxed and in a party mood before you set foot in the venue.

So much has changed over the years when it comes to dining.

Twenty years ago many establishments had very predictable styles of cuisine.

Country pubs and public houses in towns would serve up something traditional and wholesome, like a roast dinner perhaps, followed by a pud of trusty Black Forest gateau or ice-cream.

Now the culinary landscape has been transformed, the chefs have escaped the confines of conformity and are keen to create their own 'specials' and something that bit different.

Competition has meant an improvement in quality across the board.

Nowadays, menus are put together that have an excellent chance of satisfying the varied tastes of any random group of diners-out.

As customers have become more discerning – and this may well be due to all the Masterchef-style programmes on TV – so local chefs have responded.

So make that choice. Do you want an evening out in a local town – a restaurant or hotel perhaps?

Or maybe the relaxation of the country pub is more appealing to your family or fellow office workers.

Venues are already producing their Christmas menus and making arrangements for entertainment. So do your research, make your choice, and then you can relax for the Autumn, content that the office Christmas party is sorted out and there will be no last minute rush.

FESTIVE SEASON DINING BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

DINING out in the festive season can be one of life's great pleasures.

In this fast and high-stress world, there are increasingly few chances for people to take their foot off the gas and relax.

In fact, in the run up to Christmas, with work, presents and shopping to be attended to, it can feel even worse.

People can get so stressed that they start to include Christmas dining out as part of that cycle of stress!

It's important to remember that festive meals are not part of the problem – they are an antidote, because there are few things in life more pleasurable and relaxing than lingering over a good meal, and passing the time with friends.

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GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

What the film *Dunkirk* doesn't mention...

This fascinating photograph shows the extraordinary scene outside Westminster Abbey as frightened people queued to pray, a scene replicated across the nation.

ALL across our towns and cities the blockbuster film *Dunkirk* is creating great interest and fascination.

There is, however, one major fact not mentioned in the film.

Many of those who see the film will be interested to learn that the situation was actually so desperate, King George VI called for a National Day of Prayer on May 26, 1940. In a national broadcast, he asked the people of Britain to pray for God's help.

Thousands of special services were held across the country and literally millions of people poured into churches to pray.

Two significant events immediately followed. Firstly, a violent storm arose over the Dunkirk region grounding the Luftwaffe, which had been killing thousands on the beaches.

Secondly, a great calm descended on the Channel, the like of which hadn't occurred for a generation, enabling the hundreds of tiny boats to rescue 338,000 soldiers, rather than the estimated 30,000.

It was the timing of these events immediately after the Prayer Day which led people to speak of "the miracle of Dunkirk" and Sunday, June 9, was officially appointed as a Day of National Thanksgiving.

Looking back at this and other events, the Bishop of Chelmsford wrote: "If ever a great nation was on the point of supreme and final disaster, and yet was saved and reinstated it was ourselves…it does not require an exceptionally religious mind to detect in all this the Hand of God."

At the end of 1942, after the tide had turned in the War, Churchill himself was moved to say: "I sometimes have a feeling of interference, I want to stress that. I have a feeling sometimes that some Guiding Hand has interfered."

To coincide with this film, details of various wartime miracles are being sent to thousands of churches across the UK so as to give congregations hope and reassurance, much needed in our unsettling times.

If anyone would like this uplifting information directly by email, then they are welcome to contact strengthenthefaithful@gmail.com, clearly putting 'Wartime Miracles' in the subject box.

Rev J Willans, Surrey.

'Cost, not aesthetics, the priority at Darren Farm'

FURTHER to M Lewis's letter in last week's GEM, Taylor Wimpey makes a very strange point.

Its current application includes around 50 per cent red brick facing.

Why, therefore, did it respond to M Lewis by saying it are "in ongoing discussion with the Vale Council in regard of material finishes of the homes at Darren Farm"?

Furthermore, at the meeting in the town hall arranged by Taylor Wimpey and its representatives to reassure Cowbridge residents, we were led to understand that facing would be stone and/or render.

Taylor Wimpey even went into such detail as the "twirly brick pillars" on the buildings on the old Middle school site were something to be avoided.

One cannot escape the conclusion that now outline planning permission has been granted, cost will define Taylor Wimpey's approach and aesthetics will be disregarded.

A brick-faced estate will be, to steal a metaphor, a carbuncle on the face of Cowbridge.

I would suggest that all those concerned about the architectural integrity of Cowbridge express their concerns by emailing the Vale planning department as soon as possible quoting 2017/00841/RES.

D B Webb, Vale of Glamorgan.

More concerns aired over Darren Farm

TAYLOR WIMPEY's agents Savills has submitted a reserved matters planning application for Phase 1 (comprising 169 houses) of the Darren Farm housing development, which was approved in outline (for a total of 475 houses) by the Vale Council in January 2017.

Details of the application no 2017/00841/RES can be seen on the VOG Planning Register at vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/PlaRecord.aspx?AppNo=2017/00841/RES.

The attempts by our residents' group to meet with representatives of the VoG council planning department and Taylor Wimpey to discuss details of this application have both been declined.

There are several aspects of this application which are of concern to us:

1. No provision for Llantwit Major Road footpaths, pedestrian crossing or bus stop.

2. No provision for highway improvements at the dangerous Cross Inn junction or traffic modifications in Llanblethian.

3. Insertion of a new row of residential units on land which was shown as part of the school site in the approved outline planning application.

4. The application fails to provide report documents on the planning register showing the results and evidence from the recent additional drainage and archaeology investigations and other recent changes.

5. The high proportion of brick facades in the residential units is inconsistent with the built character of Cowbridge and the Savills compliance statement.

6. Insufficient protection for Llanfrynach church from noise from the link road.

7. No provision for extra car parking in Cowbridge to mitigate the traffic congestion caused by extra shopping journeys by car from the proposed development.

We are therefore submitting a representation to the VoG planning department opposing this planning application for the above reasons.

Those wishing to make individual representations can do so either by email to: planning@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by writing to: Ms V L Robinson, Operational Manager, Development Management, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT.

Those wishing to see the residents group's full representation can receive a copy by emailing me at chris@cpearces.plus.com.

Chris Pearce, Coordinator, Cowbridge and Llanblethian Residents Group.

DOUBLE EVENT FOR LLANTWIT PRECINCT

TWO events will take place at the Precinct in Llantwit Major this Saturday, September 16.

The chairman of the local events group Byron Evans told The GEM: "The events group is hosting its monthly produce market and Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions are holding their book sale.

"The idea is that people will be interested in visiting one and will maybe go to the other, increasing the numbers.

"We are able to hold the two events by kind permission of Ian Hunt of Filco."

Memoirs of a junior doctor

AWARD-winning comedian Adam Kay will be in Penarth on September 23 to share extracts from his new book *This Is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor*, the by turns hilarious, heartbreaking and horrifying account of his hospital years.

Fellow comic Jo Brand, herself a former nurse, describes the book as "a blisteringly funny account of the lot of the junior doctor, shot through with harrowing detail."

Stephen Fry has also praised it, saying: "Painfully funny. The pain and the funniness somehow add up to something entirely good, entirely noble and entirely lovable."

This event, organised by Griffin Books, is taking place in the auditorium of St Cyres School on Sully Road, Penarth, starting at 2pm. Tickets are £10 each, redeemable against purchases of the book, and refreshments will be available.

Meanwhile a few places still remain for the afternoon tea with Rachel Joyce, bestselling author of 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry', today (Thursday) at 2pm. Call Griffin Books on 02920 706455 or pop into the shop to book your place for either of these events.

Griffin Books

BBC is looking for wannabe reality TV stars

***THE People's Fund* is a new Welsh TV show for BBC One which will give people in the Vale who love their neighbourhood the chance to pitch projects directly to people in the community with the winner getting a pot of money make it a reality.**

A spokeswoman said: "Are you someone passionate about improving your local area? Do you have an exciting idea that would make a big difference to your community?

"The show will be a chance to get your project funded in your area."

The show will follow four individuals from the same area who have small ideas that could make a big difference to their community as a whole.

All they need is a small amount of money to get their idea off the ground.

Residents will gather at the local village or community hall and vote for their favourite idea.

Residents are asked to donate a suggested £5 contribution as they enter the hall and the pot could be anything from £500 to £1,000 depending on the generosity of the audience on the night.

The winner will then be able put their project into action. **AS**

Group resumes

THE Vale Stroke Group resumes on Tuesday, September 19 at Llantonian Hall in Llantwit Major following its summer break.

Organiser Liz Evans said: "The meeting will start at 2pm and will go on until around 4pm.

"People who have suffered a stroke, are a carer, or family member, are all welcome to attend.

"We will be setting up the diary for the year. People can suggest the sorts of events they would like held, or places they might like to go."

The group started up this year and has proved a welcome support for people across the Vale who are living with the effects of a stroke.

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Wind River is 'slow-burning, powerful and compelling'...

by GARETH JAMIESON
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THE saying in Hollywood is that the directors hold all the power while the writers remain powerless. In the case of Taylor Sheridan, his first two scripts have been anything but lacking in power, *Sicario* a gritty look at the world of drug smuggling, while *Hell Or High Water* was a modern-day western with a conscience.

Taking the step into the world of direction, Sheridan is both the writer and the helmer of *Wind River,* a film which sees FBI agent Jane Banner (Elizabeth Olsen) embark on the investigation of a murder when game tracker Cory Lambert (Jeremy Renner) finds the body of an 18-year-old on a Native American reservation. Determined to track down the murderer, the pair team up but soon find themselves in danger...

It seems a natural progression for Taylor Sheridan to make the move from behind the keyboard to behind the camera; after all, based on his first two scripts Sheridan smacks of a man who has a strong viewpoint and, thus far, has worked with directors (in Denis Villeneuve and David Mackenzie) who have brought that viewpoint to life without losing any essence of what is being conveyed.

Wind River is a film that is an unabashed Taylor Sheridan film; you have stoic characters whose emotions are constantly trying (and not always failing) to come to the surface, in a world of murky morals and dark places where things are never as calm as they seem.

It's a solidly directed debut from Sheridan, whose work wears an influence of those he's worked with previously (the eerie calm and precision certainly harks to Denis Villeneuve's work), a film that knows there's more mileage in wringing every last drop of emotion through the storytelling rather than the visual impact.

Certainly the freezing snows and icy grounds of the titular reservation are reflected in the telling of the story, Sheridan relaying a tale that (it's unsettling to realise) is all too common in America. The notion of an FBI agent, ill-suited to the job at hand, and a local tracker, grizzled to the physical and emotional world around him, could have turned this into an awkward collision between ideologies, but Sheridan has shrewdly cast the film.

Jeremy Renner is superb at slow-burning characters who reveal so much, yet so little, at the same time, and he's excellent here, as is Elizabeth Olsen as the FBI agent who is yet to be hardened to such terrible occurrences.

Neither performance is particularly showy, but both, Renner in particular, manage to convey so much with such a low-key turn, the naturalism of their performances and those around them grounding the film and making it hugely engaging (especially Gil Birmingham's grieving father, whose two big scenes are wonderfully played).

The plot isn't a procedural with twists and turns, there are very few surprises here, and Sheridan isn't trying to pull the rug over your eyes at any point.

Instead the story unfolds in a very still manner, the real power lying not so much in the plot machinations, but more in the impact that the discovery of the body has on various characters.

As the film winds towards its denouement it comes not with an earth-shattering reveal but rather a slow-burning uncovering of what led to the young girl finding herself barefoot in the snow, seeing the last moments of life cruelly freezing in front of her.

It may be a little too subtle (one disturbing moment aside) and results in the film's only real mis-step as Sheridan goes a little *Death Wish*-lite, but the director switches down gears to see the film out.

It's another triumph for Sheridan, a man who is capable of writing (and now directing) films with a strong core, whose narratives relate to the world we live in or the world we barely know of. It perhaps lacks a little of the finesse that a more seasoned director would have provided, but *Wind River* is still a strong and powerful piece of work.

VERDICT: Slow-burning, powerful and compelling, *Wind River* is a sturdy piece of work, and another superb screenplay from Taylor Sheridan. His direction isn't bad either, and with strong performances from the likes of Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen, it's a strong watch. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Sicario* (2015), *The Pledge* (2001).

Views from Skirrid for Vale Ramblers

SUE GREEN was joined by 14 Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers who made their way to the windswept summit of Skirrid for the magnificent views that were all around.

It was unusually quiet and the group had the mountain more or less to themselves, before meeting a group of London walkers huddled out of the wind on the lower eastern slope. Despite the unkind weather, they were enjoying their walking trip to Wales.

With the major climb out of the way, the walk continued on almost deserted eastern footpaths, the highlight of the day was stopping to chat with a local farmer who seemed glad of some company and the chance to air his discontent with farming regulations and constrictions.

After lunch, the group were happy to get walking as the chill and damp were descending, the mist had rolled in, blocking the views that they had enjoyed in the morning.

Making their way back to the cars, passing the award-winning Walnut Tree restaurant, if it had been open, it would have been tempting to go in, but the group was unsure they would welcome wet, bedraggled walkers.

Continuing through the village, they stopped at The Copper Kettle in Llanddewi Skirrid instead.

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Vale MP says scrapping tolls will benefit Wales

SCRAPPING the tolls on the Severn Bridge from next year will provide a "significant boost" to the south Wales economy, says Alun Cairns.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was facing a question in the Commons from Conservative MP for North Wiltshire, James Gray.

Mr Gray told him: "The scrapping of the Severn tolls is a huge benefit to businesses across Wales.

"Does my Right Hon Friend agree that it is also of vast benefit to businesses in places such as Wiltshire, where HGV operators have been paying £20 a time to get across the Severn?

"All of a sudden, they will be able to do business in Wales much more profitably."

Mr Cairns said Mr Gray had rightly recognised that scrapping the bridge tolls is a significant boost not only to the south Wales economy but to the economy of the south-west of England.

He said: "He welcomed it along with the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, Business West and many others.

"It seems that the only people who have not welcomed the scrapping of the Severn tolls are the Labour Party and the Welsh Government."

Michael Prosser

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS *CORRECTION*

FRIENDS and Neighbours senior citizen group that meets at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall monthly are not linked to FAN (Friends and Neighbours) that meets at Barry Library.

Please note – we have not moved, as some members have thought.

Contact Gay Fifield (coordinator) for any queries, on Barry 400044.

Ploughing Championships this weekend

Keen ploughman, Glyn Davies, late father of Cathy Thomas of Pancross Farm, at the British Nationals in Yorkshire. A new perpetual cup has been presented in his name for the best ploughman from the counties of Carmarthenshire, Glamorganshire and Pembrokeshire.

A glorious photograph by Glyn Evans of two magnificent creatures.

The All wales Ploughing Championships takes place this weekend at Boverton Place Farm near Llantwit Major when competitors will demonstrate their skills in ploughing, hedge laying and fencing competitions. These photographs give a sense of the history and the combination of man, machine and horse.

'A Remoaner's nightmare'

I HAVE to confess to being a Remoaner – and we have much to moan about.

Not only am I, my children and grandchildren, about to lose our valuable European citizenship (the right to live and work in any EU country with the same rights and protections as apply in Britain) but my house (should I ever want to retire to the Continent) is now worth some 20 per cent less than before.

A falling currency is a measure of the country's economic prospects and as Britain has gone from having one of the fastest growing economies in Europe to one of the slowest, the devaluation of the pound (and the inflation that is following with prices mounting in the shops) is not surprising,

I still have no idea what Brexit is for. Whenever I ask someone who wants us to leave the EU what EU law they want to see scrapped, they cannot reply; or else they quote a judgement of the European Court of Human Rights (which isn't part of the EU at all).

When I ask how they personally will be better off they can only talk vaguely about 'independence,' which is to misunderstand our relationship with the EU. We are not an EU dependency, we are a part of the EU itself. The EU did not invent the Single Market; Britain invented the Single Market and persuaded our EU friends that this would be in their interest as well as ours. We are part of the machine that makes EU law and we have a veto over any important issue that we don't like.

Ah yes, say the Leavers, but what about immigration? Well, the government has singularly failed to control non-EU immigration, so why should it do any better in controlling EU immigration if it had the power? Besides, it has said that people can come where they are needed (which is pretty much everywhere).

The real problem at the moment is that since the Brexit referendum and the fall of the pound, the flow of EU nurses has all but dried up, ditto those hardworking souls who pick our fruit and vegetables.

In short, Brexit is a potential nightmare without an upside. We have seen how the Leave's campaign £350 million per week 'Brexit bonus' for the NHS has evaporated like the morning dew.

No amount of 'pulling together' or 'talking up the economy' can overturn facts.

We don't need Brexit to trade globally. Fifty-five per cent of Britain's exports already go to non-EU destinations. China is awash with German (EU) cars. What can Brexit give us that we don't already have? And how will this make up for what we are losing?

Please don't believe the ludicrous myths about the EU accounts not being audited (or similar myths): they have been declared error-free every year since 2006.

Democracy is about giving people what they want and one of the things they may want is the right to change their minds. There was no Brexit prospectus at the time of the last referendum.

Let's see how things turn out in the next year and then offer people the opportunity to confirm or overturn last summer's frightful decision.

After all, if leaving the EU were such a brilliant idea why is it that Britain alone out of 28 countries wants to pursue it?

Peter Sain ley Berry, Cowbridge.

Care home's new minibus will keep the residents 'connected'

A care home has taken delivery of a new minibus – to "keep residents connected to the community".

Tŷ Llandaff residential and respite care home in Pontcanna, has purchased the new nine-seater Ford Transit to take the residents on days out to the coast, mountains and valleys.

Manager Janice Evans said: "The new minibus allows us to give greater freedom and independence to the residents. The bus will not only provide a practical service with trips to the shops, but it will also give residents the opportunity to stay connected to the wider community, which is something they truly value."

Janice Evans with Ty Llandaff's new minibus.

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HOMES & Gardens

Improve before you move:
Five steps that add long-lasting value

IN a housing market where pricing is make or break for many buyers, sellers are boosting their chances of securing an offer by ensuring their home is in tip-top condition.

The market is unpredictable and with the best will in the world, no one can guarantee what is going to happen to the value of your home in the next five or even 10 years. Many homeowners are taking their home's resale fate into their own hands with renovation projects big and small.

Tidying up your garden: Maintaining your garden can be done in one weekend and will not only add value to your home but will also help create a winning first impression which is priceless. With tenants spending longer in rental accommodation, gardens are becoming a rental must-have.

Fixing and maintaining the exterior: Repainting doors and windows, fixing any defects in the exterior and cleaning out the gutters all help add to your properties curb appeal and boost the value of your home. For just a few hour's work, you can add thousands to the value of your home. Picking a daring door colour will also help your property stick out in the minds of prospective buyers and tenants.

Building an extension: This home improvement may take a little longer so if you want to move right away it may not be feasible, but for landlords building an extension not only adds an extra room for your tenants to enjoy but will also boost the value of the home by up to 20 per cent.

Refurbishing the kitchen: Kitchens are often the most important rooms for buyers and tenants, having high-quality appliances and well-maintained cabinets and cupboards will increase the property's value as buyers and tenants will want to avoid forking out on costly repairs and replacements.

Replacing the carpets: Ripping out old, worn down carpets and replacing with either a new neutral carpet or even better hardwood floor will increase the value of your property. For landlords, we recommend wooden or laminate floor, it is much more likely to last longer and there's less risk of it getting stained or damaged.

Whether you are hoping to sell in the next few months or, are a landlord hoping to make rental profit, these home improvements are likely to help your property continue to increase in value.

To find out more about the current value of your home, contact Romans on 01344 985 666 for a free, no obligation valuation.

Rare fen orchid numbers improving... BUT NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET

YEARS of pioneering hard work to restore a fragile dune habitat are now beginning to reap rewards, with the highest numbers of fen orchid in 20 years recorded at Kenfig Dunes, near Bridgend, this summer.

Over 1,000 of these extremely rare orchids have been counted, more than double the number seen in the last two decades.

Three-quarters of the plants are growing in special 'scrape' habitats created by a partnership of the charity Plantlife, Natural Resources Wales and Bridgend County Borough Council to help bring the orchid back from the brink of extinction. Of global significance for its dune habitats, Kenfig Important Plant Area (IPA) is the last place in the UK where the dune form of fen orchid grows.

A spokesperson from Plantlife said: "This year's count provides strong evidence that our joint conservation efforts are reversing declines and providing a brighter future for one of Wales' rarest wild flowers."

Plantlife's Colin Cheesman said: "This special dune form of fen orchid once grew at eight dune sites along the south Wales coast, but a lack of active management meant that the dunes became overgrown, the bare sand disappearing under a thick mat of vegetation.

"Even at Kenfig, one of the most important dune systems in the UK, numbers dropped from 21,000 at the end of the 1980s to just 400 when conservation work began in 2011."

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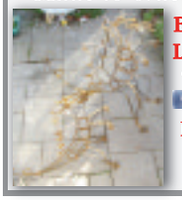

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Orchid numbers are improving

Only around 1,000 examples of this form of fen orchid exist, and all at Kenfig in Bridgend.

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Colin continued: "This result is not just good news for Kenfig, but for other dune sites like Whiteford and Pembrey where we can now introduce similar management in the hopes of bringing back fen orchid."

Fen orchid (*Liparis loeselii*) is one of the most threatened wild plants in Europe and is listed on Annex II of the Habitats and Species Directive, one of only nine flowering plants in Britain afforded this level of protection.

At Kenfig, fen orchid doesn't grow rooted in soil but perched on top of small clumps of moss that grow on the damp, bare sand. In many ways, this makes it more like tropical orchids that grow as epiphytes on trees.

Two forms of fen orchid are found in Britain.

The dune form is now found only at Kenfig, but another form occurs in the fens of East Anglia, where it is known from just three sites. **KC**

Popularity of vertical gardening on the rise

There are many reasons to consider creating a vertical garden.

Whether you have an unsightly wall to cover, a lack of space to garden in or are looking to create a statement wall in your house, vertical gardening has the answer.

While not a new idea, vertical gardening has risen in popularity in recent years, and this is mainly due to people having less space and smaller gardens – but still desiring their own green space.

There are a huge variety of ways to build your garden up, all of which can look beautiful and allow homemakers to grow flowers, plants or perhaps their own kitchen garden.

The Hanging Garden

For those with very limited space a hanging garden is the answer. But while this solves a space issue, hanging plant pots can create issues around maintenance and watering.

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Stacking your pots

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A slightly larger option for those wanting to stack their pots to create a vertical garden is the Cascada Color, which allows you to create fantastic arrangements as you can fit up to 13 plants per planter. With the optional expansion tube you can create an impressive tower with up to three planters all of the same size.

Jamie Dickinson, Lechuza marketing manager, said: "Sometimes it's not always possible to have all the plants you wish within your home, especially with spaces becoming smaller. Due to this we're not surprised to see an increase in vertical gardening and at Lechuza, we want to ensure people can join this trend as easily as possible."

For more information visit www.lechuza.co.uk.

Cascada 3 tower plant lifestyle

Top trade tips for transforming any room into a *living* room

By Julia Gray, Press Association

BIG home improvements, like loft conversions and extensions, usually add value, but smaller changes can also increase the value of your home and make it more sellable

1. Wooden floors are a wonderful addition to any home, whatever its style or period, and are a practical alternative to carpet, especially in hallways and reception rooms. If your home has original floorboards, sanding and varnishing or staining them should add value and create a lovely, hardwearing feature.

However, original floorboards aren't always in good condition and may be rotten, or have been butchered over the years, which can make them hard to restore. Another problem is they can be draughty – on the ground floor, there will be a gap between the floorboards and the earth, which is needed for ventilation but can send cold air up into the room above.

2. If your home doesn't have original floorboards or the floorboards are in a bad state, solid or engineered wood flooring gives you a similar look but without the draughts (some underlays help with soundproofing and damp-proofing too).

Both solid wood and engineered wood are now widely available in tongue-and-groove boards that click together, which is particularly easy for DIYers to fit, and some engineered wood has a wonderful woodgrain texture that's even better than original floorboards.

Engineered wood only has a top layer of real wood, which varies in depth, with other layers underneath, so it can't be sanded as many times as solid wood, but it does have other advantages.

"Engineered wood has the appearance of solid wood, but because it's made in layers, it has good stability, which means it's not as prone to shrinking or warping with changes in environmental conditions as much as solid wood," says Sophie Hautekeete from Quick-Step flooring.

A new floor can transform a room. (Photo by Thinkstock/PA).

"This means it can be used across the home, even in rooms with underfloor heating."

3. Radiators are, of course, very practical, but they also have a decorative function that's often overlooked. If you're renovating your home, or even just a room or two, changing old, unattractive radiators makes a big difference to the look (and often improves the heat output too) and if you fit new bog-standard radiators, you're selling the renovation short.

Modern column radiators work well in most interiors because they're a contemporary take on a classic design. Radiators like these make a renovation extra special and are well worth paying more for.

4. Almost everyone loves a real fire, but open fires are generally only around 15 per cent to 30 per cent efficient, as most of the heat goes up the chimney. Wood-burning stoves are a better investment, as they're much more efficient and have other advantages, such as keeping smoke and sparks contained.

Wood burners come in many different styles, from traditional to contemporary, and are a great addition to your home's central heating when it's really cold. Plus, they're ideal for heating a room or rooms when it's not cold enough to have the heating on.

5. One of the best improvements you can do is to make a room lighter, but it isn't always possible to have big windows and glass doors – if there are planning restrictions or your budget's tight, for example.

Although planning permission is sometimes needed for them, roof windows (available for both sloping and flat roofs) can flood a room with light – even one small one can make a big difference, so if you have a dark room directly below a roof, don't overlook this possibility.

Roof windows are more innovative than you might think – Velux (*www.velux.co.uk*) does skylights with different types of glazing, with remote controls (mains electric or solar powered), that automatically close when they detect rain and even that fold out into balconies.

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'Check your eyesight on a regular basis' URGES JONES & JONES

NATIONAL Eye Health Week (September 19-25) aims to raise awareness of the importance of eye health and the need for everyone to have sight checks every two years, to look after their eyes.

Dr Adrian Jones, from Jones & Jones optometrists, High Street, Barry, said: "Almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss yet over half of sight loss can be avoided, so it is vital everyone takes care of their eyes. "Sight is the sense people fear losing the most, yet many of us don't know the best way to look after our eyes.

"This is why it is so important you get your eye health tested every two years at least, even if you think your vision is fine, as some eye conditions may not show symptoms. Visit visionmatters.org.uk."

Facts about vision loss: 20 million people in the UK could be at risk of avoidable sight loss because they fail to have regular sight tests. Almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss, yet over half of sight loss can be avoided. This means that almost two million people have a sight problem which has a serious impact on their daily lives.

The figure is made up of people who are registered blind and partially sighted, and all the other people whose sight problems have a significant impact on daily activities. Not all of these people can be registered as blind or partially-sighted. Sight loss affects people of all ages.

The number of people in the UK with sight loss is set to increase dramatically. It is predicted hat by 2050, the number of people with sight loss in the UK will double to nearly four million.

Dr Adrian Jones is listed on the GOC Specialist Register as an Therapeutic IP Optometrist with a special interest in acute eyecare and glaucoma and holds the College of Optometrists Higher Diplomas in glaucoma and therapeutics.

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AMs take up grazing rights with Cabinet Secretary

WELSH Assembly Members from across south Wales have made a joint effort to solve continuing issues with common grazing rights.

Many farmers from across the Vale exercise grazing rights on common land – but these have been put under threat by a number of high profile cases involving landowners restricting access – including at Eglwysilan Common.

There are also concerns about loss of public rights of way more generally – such as for leisure use.

Occasionally, obstructive and even intimidating methods have been used.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, Caerphilly AM Hefin David, Pontypridd AM Mick Antoniw and Cynon Valley AM Vicki Howells met Lesley Griffiths – Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs – to discuss the issue, along with Dafydd Jarrett from NFU Cymru.

Following the meeting the Cabinet Secretary agreed to write to local authorities, the Police and Natural Resources Wales to establish who is responsible for enforcing common land rights – and also look at rectifying gaps in the existing legislation.

South Wales Central AM Mr Davies said: "Many farmers from across the Vale exercise grazing rights – and the high profile cases in the area put this at risk.

"It is vital we work on a cross-party basis to sort this out – and hopefully this meeting will be the next step to getting the situation resolved."

One more outing for Desert Divas

(From left to right): Bobbie Booker, Karen Mortimer-Brown, Laura, Mandy, Sylvia Woosnam and Sue Dance. Centre front is James. Laura, Mandy and James work for Ty Hafan as fundraisers. IMAGE by VICKY MORTIMER-BROWN

THE Vale dance troupe Desert Divas disbanded more than a year ago, but the ladies have still been able to present a cheque to Ty Hafan.

Vicky Mortimer-Brown explained: "Our constitution said any monies left over were to be given to charity.

"This was the last cause we all nominated. The others were Air Ambulance Wales, Marie Curie Hospice, and Myaware (Myasthenia).

"The sum of monies shared between the four charities was £895. Three of the Divas still dance for charity if anyone wishes to contact us on our Facebook page Phoenix Arising."

Students see their films broadcast on the BBC

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) were at a gala film premiere at the Wales Millennium Centre (WMC) on Sunday, September 10, as the BBC unveiled nine new short films, made under the 'It's My Shout' banner.

The students' film, *Two Player Games*, written by Bridgend-based Lexx Oliver was broadcast on September 12, on BBC 2 Wales.

The film is one of nine that were shot over the summer holidays, seven English language and two Welsh.

The CAVC choir, 'Aspire'.

Two Player Games starred two CAVC students, Anya Trudgian and Louise Cheetham, in the lead roles, and the film took the 'audience prize' as the most popular film in a vote after the premiere.

Two other CAVC students, Jake Yearsley and Cameron Davies, acted in another of the films, entitled *Home*, which took the award for best film.

The college's involvement did not end there. A newly-formed choir, made up mainly of staff members and called 'Aspire' gave its *début* performance and the WMC seemed a pretty imposing place to start.

They entertained the audience in the bar area for about 20 minutes before the film premiere started.

Sharon James of CAVC told The GEM that the college had been delighted to work with the It's My Shout team.

The It's My Shout enterprise began as a summer project by the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT), shooting a series of short films during the summer holidays, and all were filmed in the Bridgend area.

However, the scheme has grown rapidly over the years, and is now put together in collaboration with the BBC and a number of other bodies, making it a valuable part of the growing film and industry training programmes.

The short films now have locations all around Wales. This year, one film, entitled *Peggy* was shot in Bridgend and Porthcawl, while *Two Player Games* was shot in Cardiff Bay

Home was also shot on the streets of Cardiff.

Transmission dates so far announced are as follows:

Closure - Thursday, September 14, 11.15pm.

Rory Romantic - Friday, September 15, 11.15pm.

Packaged - Monday, September 18, 11.15pm.

Peggy - Tuesday, September 19, 11.10pm.

Dear Mr Ali, Two Player Games, and *Home* have now been shown, but are available on iPlayer.

Transmission dates are still to be announced for *Ffeithiau Amgen* and *Lawr A Lan*.

Review update by Philip Irwin

In his introductory address, First Minister Carwyn Jones noted that he had been at the very first It's My Shout premiere - on a weekday morning in The Odeon, Bridgend.

For It's My Shout, time has moved on in every area, and these nine films are the strongest I can remember. Some might not be to everyone's taste, but there are no weak links.

All five of the first week's films are quality efforts, with high production values and excellent acting. My personal favourite was *Closure,* where writer Rob Bryant played with the conventions of a short story, twisting his audience this way and that.

An ingenious idea, and beautifully acted by all three young cast members.

Two Player Games, written by Lexx Oliver and using young actors from Cardiff and Vale College was a sharp piece, again coming up with an unsettling idea that left the audience guessing at the end.

Home was a powerful piece, very well acted, telling the story of a homeless man trying to stop another man making the same mistake - although once again there is room for an alternative reading of Lewis Reeves' script.

Sion Ifan took best director for this effort.

Although these films (and others) featured strong acting performances, best actor went to Phillip Jones for *Packaged* - a curious film that starts as a romcom and ends as a Tarantino movie. It's a hard one to categorise, in case you hadn't guessed.

Best actress went to Chloe Cooper, as a young trainee having to cope with an aging actress in *Peggy*. This was probably the most straightforward story, finishing more or less where you expected.

Also well worth a look are *Dear Mr Ali* - again a well acted story, and the futuristic and unsettling *Rory Romantic*.

The Welsh langauge features will be shown first on S4C, and then later on BBC. I hope they don't get lost in the scheduling, because they were both well made and keep the viewer guessing. *Ffeithiau Amgem* (*Alternative Facts*) was, I thought, a little gem, featuring two sisters who hate each other until they come to the conclusion that they are each as unlikeable as the other!

Again, the Welsh language short films featured some excellent acting.

Try and catch these shows – if not live, then on catch up. They demonstrate that Wales has plenty of talent – and it bodes well for the future.

(Left to right): Kirsten Roberts, Anya Trudgian, Louise Cheetham, and Megan Sawyer.

Actress Shelley Rees, who directed the Welsh language film,* Lawr a Lan*, is interviewed for the S4C programme, Heno.

Jake Yearsley (left) and Cameron Davies.

College shortlisted for top award

AN initiative at Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) that offers a range of vocational career routes to 14 to 16-year-olds is in the running for what a spokesperson called "one of the highest accolades in further education".

The college's junior apprenticeship programme – run in partnership with the Welsh Government, Cardiff Council and Cardiff schools – has been shortlisted for an Association of Colleges (AoC) Beacon Award.

The Beacon Awards recognise colleges that have displayed 'imaginative and innovative approaches to teaching and learning in the UK's FE sector'.

CAVC has been shortlisted for the Skills Education Group Award for transition into post-16 education and training for its junior apprenticeship programme.

CAVC Principal Kay Martin said: "To make it on to the shortlist for an AoC Beacon Award is an amazing achievement and a reward for the dedication of everyone in the College and our partners in Welsh Government, Cardiff Council and Cardiff schools.

"It is this combination of hard work and a desire to see the junior apprentices progress and remain in education that has made the programme the success it has been.

"I am hugely proud of everyone involved."

The results will be made public in November.

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Report says UK residents are losing 'confidence' in food standards

A NEW food fraud report reveals UK food confidence is declining, with cases of food fraud such as the horse meat scandal most to blame.

As Britain prepares to leave the European Union, new research by commercial insurer NFU Mutual reveals that only 15 per cent of people in Wales and the south west have confidence in the European food chain and just six per cent in the global chain, fewer than one in every 10 people.

Almost three quarters (72 per cent) believe there to be an issue with food fraud in the UK, with one fifth also believing that they have personally experienced it (20 per cent).

Hearing about high profile cases of fraudulent food in the media, such as the horse meat scandal in 2013, is the most common cause of reduced confidence in over half of consumers (55 per cent).

The NFU Mutual Food Fraud Report 2017, published on September 7, also found that in Wales and the south west, takeaways are the least trusted type of food outlet (44 per cent) followed by online (21 per cent) and artisan food markets (16 per cent).

The least trusted product types are processed foods (37 per cent), red meat (19 per cent) and supplements (14 per cent).

Commenting on the report, Frank Woods, retail sector specialist at NFU Mutual, said: "There has never been a more important time for tackling food fraud and getting regulation right as we plan to leave the European Union, but Government proposals for where we will get our food from are already under tough scrutiny from industry and consumers alike, with concerns over quality.

"Producers are under immense pressure to offset price rises caused by the weakened value of sterling and higher import costs, squeezing already tight budgets and resources and potentially cornering them into using cheaper global suppliers that may be more vulnerable to fraud."

He continued: "Much of the industry is addressing this by changing its supply strategy and supporting British producers – likely to be popular with a majority of consumers who want to support local businesses on home soil."

The NFU Mutual Food Fraud report, which is designed to understand challenges facing businesses working across the 'field to fork' supply chain, explores attitudes and influencers of trust, perceived blame, impact upon behaviour and awareness of food crime.

The report includes viewpoints and advice from major industry bodies including the British Retail Consortium, Food and Drink Federation, British Hospitality Association and National Farmers Retail & Markets Association.

To download a free PDF copy of the full report, visit www.nfumutual.co.uk/foodfraud.

A squadron of 'two-wheeled angels' will cycle for Ty Hafan

SIXTY teams of bicyclists geared up to raise thousands of pounds for life-limited children in Wales at the weekend for the Taff Trail Cycle Challenge.

Each team of four pushed themselves to the limit by taking on either the 79km or 41km route.

A father whose son was supported by Tŷ Hafan as a child called the cyclists an "army of angels".

Peter Russ's son Connor attended the children's hospice until he reached the age of 18. Although the family no longer attend the hospice for short breaks, Peter was at the event on Sunday to volunteer as a sweeper marshal.

"Even though my son Connor now no longer uses Tŷ Hafan as he has reached adulthood, they still provide support to his brother, myself and his mother," said Peter.

"We feel a part of the Tŷ Hafan family as it has helped us tremendously over the years to deal with our son's problems.

"Tŷ Hafan is like a focal point for the public to show their support for families like mine who are going through similar things, and through events like the Taff Trail they raise much-needed funds. This is why I enjoy helping and supporting those people who give up their precious family time by entering events like this.

"It gives me great pride to think of all those who enter as an army of Tŷ Hafan angels, who give their time and money to help show all those young children and families that they are loved and to have a place to turn to when it is needed.

"So thank you to everyone who enters and helps on the Taff Trail on behalf of all the children and families."

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Mr and Mrs Harris accepting their winning bed and Silentnight hippo and duck from Rhian Francis, managing director at The Place For Homes.

The Place for Homes and Silentnight team up to give away a bed

"THE Place for Homes is delighted to announce that Mrs Janet Perkins of Miskin is the winner of the 'win a free Silentnight bed' competition", Rhian Francis, managing director, told The GEM recently.

Mrs Perkins was shocked and delighted at being chosen at random from the hundreds of people that entered the competition at the Vale of Glamorgan Show in August.

She thought when The Place for Homes first made contact that it was a joke, as she'd never won anything before and couldn't believe that out of the hundreds that entered, she was the lucky winner.

The king size (150cm) Studio by Silentnight Geometric drawer divan is worth over £1,400 and has been awarded the 'Which Best Buy' award 2017.

The new Studio Collection by Silentnight has recently been added to the Silentnight Sleep Centre at The Place For Homes in Llandow, Cowbridge.

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Sully and Lavernock Community Library celebrates first year

Kyra Kramer (front left) with library volunteers and members.

VOLUNTEERS and library members from Sully and Lavernock Community Library were entertained with a range of special activities recently, to mark its first year as a volunteer-run facility.

There were craft and story-telling sessions for younger members and older members were treated to an enthusiastic and informative talk by American author Kyra Kramer, who "thoroughly enjoys living in Sully".

She gave a brief overview of her historical books on Henry VIII and mis-represented Queens, and in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen, gave visitors an in-depth account of her book *Mansfield Parsonage,* which "retells the story of *Mansfield Park* from the perspective of Mary Crawford's hopes and aspirations; and shows how Fanny Price's happily-ever-after came at Mary's expense... or did it?"

"I couldn't wait to start reading Kyra's novel, after hearing her talk about Jane Austen and her novels. Her research into the politics and social conventions of the day reveals a whole new level of interest in Jane Austen's stories," said Helen Turner of Penarth.

'West Country and Wales will benefit post-Brexit,'

says Secretary of State

ALUN Cairns says the Government will ensure that post-Brexit funding is spread fairly around the UK, and especially that it reaches the areas most in need of state support.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP told Cornwall MP Steve Double in the Commons of the benefits both regions can expect from initiatives, such as the planned scrapping of bridge tolls on the Severn.

Mr Double had asked Mr Cairns what steps his department is taking to foster economic opportunities between south Wales and the south-west.

He asked: "Will the Secretary of State be a strong voice in cabinet not just for Wales, but for the regions of our country, especially for places such as Cornwall?

"Will he also make sure that the shared prosperity fund is distributed fairly and on the basis of genuine need?"

Mr Cairns said he is keen to strengthen the relationship between south Wales and the south-west.

He told Mr Double: "Bristol is the most productive city in England outside of London.

"Abolishing the Severn tolls will strengthen the links between communities and help to transform the joint economic prospects of south Wales and the south-west of England.

"His area, like large parts of Wales, benefits from the current European Union structural funds."

Mr Cairns said the planned UK shared prosperity fund offers great prospects of a more streamlined approach to supporting some of the most needy parts of the country.

He said: "I am determined to ensure that the fund is a much more efficient delivery system with fair distribution around the UK to serve my Honourable Friend's region, as well as Wales."

Glamorgan Smallholders launches new logo

The group's new logo, designed by Caroline Fellows.

THE newly-formed Glamorgan Smallholders group has been given a corporate identity with the assistance of Caroline Fellows, who has recently designed a logo for the group.

Although Caroline is not a full-time designer, she has a real talent and was keen to assist the group.

Founder member of the group, Helen Joy, said: "We are really grateful to Caroline for creating this logo for us. It will help with our identity as we grow and develop as a group. Smallholding covers a wide range of animals and activities. It was difficult to cover everything, so a big thank you to Caroline who did an excellent job and we now have a logo which is just right for us."

Glamorgan Smallholders plan to get like-minded people together to share knowledge, resources and to offer the all important support that is needed when people spend much of their time working alone.

Helen added: "As a group of like-minded people, it will be possible for us to support each other in a variety of different ways. Often larger companies don't cater for the person who has just a few pigs, sheep or cows.

"Worming treatments, as one example, may often be out of date before they can be used. Through networking, we can get together as small groups who could synchronise when they treat their animals to take advantage of using the same product, saving money."

She continued: "It is very much early days, as our first meeting will be later this month and we'll be extending the hand of friendship and support with the help of Creative Rural Communities and The Three Horseshoes Country Inn. If you are a smallholder, producer, vet or supplier, we would be delighted to meet you. Let's get together and make this happen."

The inaugural meeting of the Glamorgan Smallholders will be on Thursday, September 21 at The Three Horseshoes Country Inn, Moulton, CF62 3AB, at 7pm. This will be a social evening to share the good, bad and indifferent experiences of working with the land and livestock.

For further information, see Glamorgan Smallholders on Twitter @GlamSmallholder or call Jane on 078900 22319.

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Vale of Glamorgan Show 2017 results

Horse Classes Results 2017

Ridden Hunters: Class 71 Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, exceeding 148cm, but not exceeding 158cm: 1st MR A BOWEN & MS H HALL-RICHARDS, BRITTON FERRY, BRIGHT LORD, ELEN HALL-RICHARDS.

1h The Principality Building Society Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 74): Winner MR AND MRS WP BOWDLER, EDENAGOR MR MOONE, KATHY BOWDLER.

Class 72 Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lb and under: 1st RHIANNON THOMAS, FLEMINGSTON; 2nd CHARLOTTE HARRY, 9 BALTIMORE CL, PONTRPRENNAU, KILCANNON KITKAT, CHARLOTTE HARRY.

Class 73 Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding four years old and over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs not exceeding 14 stone: 1st CHERYL WHITELEY; 2nd ALISON MERRETT, TY LLWYO FARM, CHURCH RD, LLANFRECHFA, EMPBELLS; 3rd MISS MORGANNE GOMES JONES, ST NICHOLAS, MENAI SINGALONG, MORGANNE GOMES JONES.

Class 74 Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over: 1st MR AND MRS WP BOWDLER.

Championship 2h The Classic Windows Perpetual Challenge Trophy: Winner MR AND MRS WP BOWDLER.

Unaffiliated Hunters: Class 75 Open Local Hunter, four years old and over (need not be registered with the Society) to be confined to horses resident within a 20 mile radius of the Showground: 1st LUCY LLEWELLYN, NEWLANDS FARM, HUGO, LUCY LLEWELLYN; 2nd MRS RHIANNON THOMAS, FLEMINGSTON COURT, WILLOW, RHIANNON THOMAS; 3rd MRS RHIANNON THOMAS, FLEMINGSTON COURT, WALK TALL, RHIANNON THOMAS.

3h The Dan Radcliffe Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 78): Winner, LUCY LLEWELLYN.

Class 76 Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding: 1st SIMON JONES, RAY: 2nd CHARLES MORGAN, CRUISING ON; 3rd SARAH SARGENT, 33 CWRT Y CADNO, LLANTWIT MAJOR, BY DESIGN.

4h The Bridgend Glazing & Silvering co. Ltd Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner of class 79): Winner SIMON JONES, RAY.

Class 77 Novice Local Working Hunter four years old and over (need not be registered with the Society) to be confined to horses resident within a 20 miles radius of the Showground. Horse must not have won 1st or 2nd place in a county show: 1st NICKY MCNABB, SHAKE IT OUT; 2nd SARAH SARGEANT, 33 CWRT Y CADNO, LLANTWIT MAJOR, BY DESIGN, SARAH SARGEANT; 3rd MR JAKE HARRIS, 4 WEST HALL, PICTON COVER WOOD, JAKE HARRIS.

Retraining of Racehorses: Class 78 RoR Amateur Ridden Show Series Qualifier: 1st CLAIRE GRIFFITHS, PENCNWC FARM, CASTLEMORRIS, BILLYBO; 2nd KRISTIAN HANMER, 21 NICHOLL CT, BOVERTON,CF61 2LR, TIME ON YOUR HANDS, KRISTIAN HANMER; 3rd RHIANNON THOMAS.

5h The Louise Birkett Commemorative Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 78): Winner CLAIRE GRIFFITHS, PENCNWC FARM, CASTLEMORRIS, BILLYBO.

Class 79 RoR Retrained Racehouse Challenge: 1st CLAIRE GRIFFITHS, PENCNWC FARM, CASTLEMORRIS, BILLYBO; 2nd MISS ROSIE DAVIES, KENDARI KIN, ROSIE DAVIES.

6h The Late Thomas Jenkins Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 79): Winner CLAIRE GRIFFITHS, PENCNWC FARM, CASTLEMORRIS, BILLYBO.

Side Saddle: Class 80 Ladies Side Saddle:1st DEBBIE WALTERS, CRIAFOL MISTY LADY, DEBBIE WALTERS; 2nd GEMMA ROBERTS, PWYLL Y FELIN FARM, GLYNOGWYR, TOUCH DIAMOND; 3rd MISS CHARLOTTE REES, LANDSEND TOORENNY LAD, CHARLOTTE REES.

7h The Great House Perpetual Challenge Vase (Winner of class 83): Winner Riding Horses & Cobs: Class 81 Open Riding Horse: 1st ALICIA THOMAS, NEWTON FARM, TOSTAKY, ALICIA THOMAS; 2nd KRISTIAN HANMER, 21 NICHOLL CT, BOVERTON,CF61 2LR, TIME ON YOUR HANDS, KRISTIAN HANMER; 3rd MISS CATHERINE COX, NO DOUBT MON AMIE CATHERINE COX.

8h The John & Sarah Cory Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner of class 81): Winner ALICIA THOMAS, NEWTON FARM, TOSTAKY, ALICIA THOMAS.

Class 82 Open Cob, including Maxi Cobs, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Rider any age: 1st MISS ANGHARAD MANNERS, TYLA GLAS FARM, MR BOODLES ; 2nd MR MALCOM DIXON COLOURFUL; 3rd MISS EMMA MITCHINSON, COLOURFUL EMMA MITCHINSON.

9h The Mr & Mrs Christopher Cory Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner of class 82): Winner MISS ANGHARAD MANNERS, TYLA GLAS FARM, MR BOODLES.

Class 83 Working Show Horse. Open to hacks, cobs, maxi cobs and riding horses (mare or gelding) 4 years old and over exceeding 148cms: 1st NO SHOW.

Working Hunter Ponies: Class 84 The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies/Intermediate W.H: 1st BROOKE LEWIS.

10h The Snaffles Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 87): Winner BROOKE LEWIS.

Class 85 The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies/Intermediate W.H: 1st BROOKE LEWIS, MONTY; 2nd MISS MORGANNE GOMES JONES, ST NICHOLAS, ROLO, MORGANNE GOMES JONES.

11h The Glamorgan GEM Perpetual Challenge Trophy (winner of class 88): Winner BROOKE LEWIS MONTY.

Working Hunter Pony Championship: Champion LUCY EDWARDS, PWLLYWRACH FARM, COLWINSTON; Reserve.

Mountain & Moorland: Class 86 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Lead Rein mare or gelding, 4 years old and over: 1st MS ANNE EDWARDS, THE OLD HOUSE, RHIWCEILIOG, COYCHURCH PEAR DROP; 2nd S.E. & S.J. BIGLEY C/O REDLANDS FARM, BONVILSTON, WAITWITH WILD APRICOT, EVIE BIGLEY; 3rd NATASHA JENKINS, 33 MILLBROOK RD, DINAS POWIS, GILFACH BLACK BESS, FLORENCE JENKINS.

Class 87 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland First Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cm; 1st J.C.DAVIES, 3 HOLDING LLANDEWI COURT, ABERGAVENNY, GLEBEDALE ABIGAIL, GRACE DAVIES.

Mountain & Moorland Champion: M T Morgan Cup To The Winner of the Championship: Champion MS ANNE EDWARDS, THE OLD HOUSE, RHIWCEILIOG, COYCHURCH PEAR DROP; Reserve S.E. & S J. BIGLEY C/O REDLANDS FARM, BONVILSTON, WAITWITH WILD APRICOT, EVIE BIGLEY.

Class 88 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section A & B ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age: 1st, JULIE ANN ROYNON, TY RICHARD JONES FARM,CEFN Y CRIB, HAFODYRYNYS, COSFORD DIABOLO, MISS MORGAN ROYNON; 2nd ALICIA THOMAS, NEWTON FARM, LLANQUAIN FAIRY STORM, ALICIA THOMAS.

Class 89 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section C & D ponies 4 years old or over. Riders any age: 1st J.C.DAVIES, 3 HOLDING LLANDEWI COURT, ABERGAVENNY, HAFOD YR YNYS BRAVEHEART, JACQUELINE DAVIES; 2nd ROBYN HOWELL, MAESCROFTA RONALDO, ROBYN HOWELL; 3rd, ASTON GULLY, 29 AMHERST CRES, BARRY, MARI OLWEN'S PRINCESS, ASTON GULLY.

Mountain & Moorland Champion: Mrs G R Lewis Challenge Cup for the Winner of the Championship: Champion J.C.DAVIES, 3 HOLDING LLANDEWI COURT, ABERGAVENNY, HAFOD YR YNYS BRAVEHEART, JACQUELINE DAVIES; Reserve JULIE ANN ROYNON.

Mountain & Moorland Champion: J Pendock Porter Challenge Cup to the Winner of the Championship: Champion NO ENTRIES

Coloured Classes: Class 90: Open Youngstock Qualifier. 1, 2 or 3 years old. No foals: NO ENTRIES.

Summerhaze Perpetual Challenge Cup: NO ENTRY.

Class 91 Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals: 1st MRS M LITTLE, TY R EFAIL, LLANARTHNE, CARMS; 2nd RACHEL ROYLE, SUMMIT VIEW, PENYLAN RD, COWBRIDGE CASTELLFRYN MALACHIT; 3rd NATASHA JENKINS, 33 MILLBROOK RD, DINAS POWIS, GILFACH BLACK BESS, NATASHA JENKINS.

Class 92 Open Ridden Quailifer. Any type, and heigh: 1st JULIE ANN ROYNON, TY RICHARD JONES FARM, CEFN Y CRIB, HAFODYRYNYS, POPPY 19, MISS MORGAN ROYNON; 2nd MRS M LITTLE, TY R EFAIL; 3rd MRS TERINNA PESCI GRIFFITHS, SUNNYBANK RIVERDALE CLASSIC, TERRINA PESCI GRIFFITHS.

Coloured Championship: M & S Cuddy Perpetual Challenge Trophy: Champion JULIE ANN ROYNON, TY RICHARDS JONES FARM;

Welsh Mountain Ponies Section A: Class 93 Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling: 1st MRS CATHERINE OWEN, CRUMPWELL HAREEBA, MRS CATHERINE OWEN; 2nd MISS A.J. MORRIS, 69 NEW ROAD, YNYSYBWL, RHYDGWILLIM MYRDDIN, MISS A MORRIS.

Class 94 Welsh Mountain Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st DR WYNNE & DAVID DAVIES, CEULAN STUD, MISKIN, CEULAN CALIB; 2nd MRS CATHERINE OWEN, CRUMPWELL BLUE LUCY, MRS CATHERINE OWEN; 3rd DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM, GOWERTON, CEFN GORWYDD MAGGIE MAY.

Class 95 Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare 4 years old or over that has never won a First Prize in a Brood Mare Class: 1st MRS BETHAN DONATI, TREFAES GLAMOUR SALLY, BETHAN DONATI; 2nd DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM, GOWERTON, CEFN GORWYDD ESME;3rd OLIVER HARAN JONES, GWERN Y GAER ISAF, PETERSTON SUPER ELY, BUTLEIGH FFION.

Class 96 Welsh Mountain Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st MRS CATHERINE OWEN CRUMPWELL BLUE EMERALD, CATHERINE OWEN; 2nd MS ANNE EDWARDS, THE OLD HOUSE, RHIWCEILIOG, PUTWELL PEACH; 3rd PETER COLSON, FIELD FARM, NORTHLEIGH, NR WHITNEY, MANORFIELDS PIRATE.

Class 97 Welsh Mountain Pony Foal: 1st MS ANNE EDWARDS, THE OLD HOUSE, RHIWCEILIOG, COYCHURCH CHOCOLATE ORANGE; 2nd MRS BETHAN DONATI, MILWAS GWAWR RAF,; 3rd MRS CATHERINE OWEN, CRUMPWELL BLUE EUGENIE.

Class 98 Welsh Mountain Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st DR WYNNE & DAVID DAVIES, CEULAN STUD, MISKIN, WESTON DISTINCTION.

Welsh Mountain Ponies Championship in section A: The Penllyn Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best animal in section 'A: Champion DR WYNNE DAVIES, CEYLAN STUD, MISKIN.

The Brynheulog Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Welsh Mountain Pony Mare: Winner BETHAN DOMATI.

The Lyndon Evans Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best Welsh Mountain Pony 3 years old or over: Winner DR WYNNE & DAVID DAVIES, CEYLAN STUD, MISKIN.

Welsh Ponies Section B: Class 99 Welsh Pony Yearling: 1st D & M TOWNSEND, COED Y GWAELOS FARMHOUSE, CROESYCEILIOG, GIGMAN YANKEE DOODLE DANDY; 2nd MRS TRACEY HAVELOT, 16 CHURCH CLOSE, CROESYCEILIOG, BRYNGWENNOL HONEYBEE.

Class 100 Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st LAURA EVANS, SMOKEYCOTT STUD, JITTERBUG; 2nd SUE EASTON, 5 CURWEN TERRACE, PONTRHDYFEN, GIGMAN ON THE RAZZ;

3rd MRS TRACEY HAVELOT, 16 CHURCH CLOSE, CROESYCEILIOG, ROCKBURY CAMEO.

Class 101 Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st MR & MRS J.A. COOKE, HEATHFIELD HOUSE, NORTH CORNELLY, ROCKBURY SPELLBOUND; 2nd FIONA LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM, YSTRADOWEN, THORNBERRY SERIN; 3rd HANNAH LANGFORD, 44 HAFOD LAS, PENCOED, LLANQUAIN VENETIA, HANNAH LANGFORD.

Class 102 Welsh Pony Foal: 1st FIONA LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWYN FARM, YSTRADOWEN, THORNBERRY SKYLARK.

Class 103 Welsh Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st MR & MRS P THOMAS REYLEM ANUBIS.

Welsh Ponies Championship in section B: The Thornberry Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best animal in section 'B: MR AND MRS J.A. COOKE, HEATHFIELD HOUSE, NORTH CORNELLY: Reserve D & M TOWNSEND, COED Y GWAELOS FARMHOUSE, CROESYCEILIOG.

Welsh Ponies Section C: Class 104 Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st MRS SIAN LOCKE, 5 HEOL Y BRYN, PONTYCLUN, HAFOD YR YNYS RHIANNA.

Class 105 Foal: 1st JUSTIN WALTERS.

Class 106 Yearling: 1st JUSTIN WALTERS.

Class 107 Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old: 1st JUSTIN WALTERS; 2nd RACHEL ROYLE, SUMMIT VIEW, PENYLAN RD, COWBRIDGE, BROHEDYDD THE BOSS.

Class 108 Stallion 4 years old and over: 1st JUSTIN WALTERS.

Welsh Ponies Championship in section C: The Louis Fisher Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best animal in section 'C': Champion JUSTIN WALTERS.

Welsh Cob Section D: Class 109 Welsh Cob Yearling: 1st MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, HERMON, CYNWYL ELFED GWYNFAES CARADOG; 2nd CHRIS BEST, 7 CWLWM CARIAD, PENCOEDTRE, CLWYDIGWYN RUBY, CHRIS BEST.

Class 110 Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old: 1st MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, HERMON, CYNWYL ELFED, GWYNFAES CYLEDDON; 2nd J WILLIAMSON, KILGOUR BOX RD, GROVESEND, KILGOUR GWANGWYN; 3rd MR PETER RODGERS, WAUNORIS GOLDEN BOY.

Class 111 Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st REBECCA WILLIAMS, 63 CRUMLYN RD, SKEWEN GLANTRAETH JULIE'S TREASURE; 2nd ASTON GULLY, 29 AMHERST CRES, BARRY, MARI OLWEN'S PRINCESS, ASTON GULLY; 3rd CHRIS BEST, 7 CWLWM CARIAD, PENCOEDTRE CLWYDIGAN PRINCESS LEIA, CHRIS BEST.

Class 112 Welsh Cob Foal: 1st NO ENTRIES.

Class 11 Welsh Cob Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st ADRIAN PASKE, 7 ROSSER ST, WAINFELIN, PONTYPOOL, ERDYL NEIFION; 2nd J WILLIAMSON, KILGOUR BOX RD, GROVESEND KILGOUR MATHOLWCH; 3rd MR RHYS WALTERS ALLTWALLIS, IAGO.

Welsh Ponies Championship in section D: Champion MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, HERMON, CYNWYL ELFED, GWYNFAES CYLEDDON; Reserve ADRIAN PASKE, 7 ROSSER ST, WAINFELIN, PONTYPOOL, ERDYL NEIFION.

Welsh Ponies Championship in section A, B, C & D: The Mrs Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best animal in section A, B, C & D: Champion MR D & C EVANS, GWYNFAES, HERMAN; Reserve MEIRION, DIANE & CALEB EVANS, HERMON, CYNWYL ELFED GWYNFAES CYLEDDON.

Shetland Ponies - Mini & Standard: Class 114 Brood Mare 4 years old and over, exceeding 34": NO SHOW.

Class 115 Colt or Filly Foal SR575 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Foal: 1st NO SHOW.

Class 116 Barren Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, exceeding 34":

1st MRS J BYRNE, 1 DAFYFDD PLACE, BARRY, KENVIG LOLA;

2nd MRS NICOLA BROWN, 9 DOVEDALE ST, BARRY, ILLTYD LADY MODEL

Class 117: Yearling, Colt, Filly or Gelding to exceed 34": NO ENTRIES.

Class 118 Two or Three Year Old Colt, Filly or Gelding to exceed 34" at maturity SR579 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Gelding: 1st MISS KAREN WARREN,HARWELL ELIZA.

Class 119 Stallion 4 years old and over exceeding 34":1st MISS KAREN WARREN, SHARPTOR DIEGO; 2nd A. PADDOCK & L.C.MOTION, ST ANNE'S FARM, TALYGARN, OXENDALE KAYMAN.

Class 120 Ridden Class, 4 years old and over, on or off lead rein. Rider any age SR582 The Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosettes for the Best Open Ridden and Best Lead Rein: 1st PAULINE STANNARD SIMS, TON COTTAGE, CEFN Y CRIB, CRUMLIN, RAMBLING ROSE OF GRAFTON, CODYMAY STANNARD SIMS; 2nd .C.DAVIES, 3 HOLDING LLANDEWI COURT, ABERGAVENNY, LITTLE SKIRRID GEORGE, GRACE DAVIES.

Shetland – Mini & Standards: Champion MISS KAREN WARREN, HARWELL ELIZA;Reserve MISS KAREN WARREN, SHARPTOR DIEGO.

Miniature Shetland Ponies: Class 121 Brood/Barren Mare or Gelding 4 years old and over, not exceeding 34": 1st MRS JULIE NICHOLLS KENVIG LOTTIE; 2nd RACHEL ROYLE, SUMMIT VIEW, PENYLAN RD, COWBRIDGE, CASTELLFRYN MALACHITE; 3rd MRS GAYNOR BOLT, BRYAN AWES BRENIN BACH.

Class 122 Colt or Filly Foal SR593 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Foal Class 594 Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding not to exceeding 34" at maturity: 1st MRS JULIE NICHOLLS, KENVIG KERFUFFLE; 2nd ELAINE SMITH, WIND WILLOW MISS POLLYANNA.

Class 122A: NO ENTRIES.

Class 123: Two or Three Year Colt or Filly not to exceeding 34" at maturity. SR596 Shetland Pony Stud Book Society rosette for the Best Gelding: 1st ELAINE SMITH, SHALAINE STUD, THE BUTTS, LLANTWIT MAJOR, SHALAINE ELIORA.

Class 124 Stallion 4 years old and over, not exceeding 34": 1st DR LIV MATZ, SPREYTOU RAMBO.

Shetland Championship award: Champion MRS JULIE NICHOLLS, KENVIG KERFUFFLE; ReserveELAINE SMITH SHALAINE STUD, THE BUTTS LLANTWIT.

Supreme Shetland Championship award: The Morfa Girls Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Supreme Shetland Championship award: Champion MISS KAREN WARREN, HARWELL ELIZA; Reserve MRS JULIE NICHOLLS, KENVIG KERFUFFLE.

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Vale of Glamorgan Show 2017 results

Cattle Classes Results 2017:

Continental: Class 1, Bull over 12 months of age: 1st, RHYS MILLICHAP, RHIW GARM FARM, TONYREFAIL; 2nd, TW ROBERTS & SON,. MALTHOUSE FARM, ST MELLONS.

Class 2, Cow in calf or with calf at foot, 1st, RHYS MILLICHAP; 2nd TW ROBERTS & SON. MALTHOUSE FARM, ST MELLONS.

Class 3, 1st RHYS MILLICHAP.

Class 4 Maiden heifer over 12 months of age on show day, 1st RHYS MILLICHAP; 2nd TW ROBERTS & SON.

Class 5 Calf of either sex under 12 months of age on show day: 1st GARETH JENKINS, TY NEWYDD FARM, GROESFAEN, CF72 8NE; 2nd RHYS MILLICHAP; 3rd GARETH JENKINS.

Class 6 Pair of animals owned by the same exhibitor: 1st RHYS MILLICHAP; 2nd T W ROBERTS; 3rd GARTH JENKINS.

3c The M T Board Cup for the best pair of continental beef breed: Winner RHYS MILLICAP.

Championship: For any the best continental breed, 4c he Arthur John and co Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best Limousin: Champion RHYS MILLICAP RHIW GARN FARM, TONYREFAIL; Reserve GARTH JENKINS.

Any Pure Native Beef Breed: Class 8 Bull over 12 months on the day of the show: 1st V.J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN; 2nd G L A M O R G A N LOWLINES; 3rd G L A M O R G A N LOWLINES.

Class 9: Cow in calf or with calf at foot: 1st L & L BOWEN, TYDU FARM, NELSON, TREHARRIS, CF46 6PH; 2nd ST FAGANS MUSEUM, ST F A G A N S , C A R D I F F ; 3 r d G L A M O R G A N LOWLINES.

Class 10: Heifer in calf: 1st GARY LOVERING, ERW LAS, HEOL ISCOED, EFAIL ISAF, CF38 1BP; 2nd GARY LOVERING.

Class 1: Maiden heifer over 12 months of age on the day of the show:1st L & L BOWEN; 2nd L & L BOWEN.

Class 12: Calf of either sex under 12 months of age on the day of the show: 1st ST FAGANS MUSEUM; 2nd L & L BOWEN; 3rd G L A M O R G A N LOWLINES.

Class 13: Pair of animals owned by the same exhibitor: 1st L & L BOWEN; 2nd G L A M O R G A N LOWLINES; 3rd GARY LOVERING.

2c(a): The Huddston Shield: Winner L & L BOWEN.

Championship (Rosette) for best Hereford: 2c The Miss Ellen Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Hereford Exhibit: Winner L & L BOWEN; Reserve L & L BOWEN.

Championship for the best pure native beef breed: 1c Peter Wood & Sons Perpetual Challenge Cup: Champ L & L BOWEN; Reserve L & L BOWEN.

Herd & Champion Beef: Championship 5c: The Dalgetty Crossfields Cup for the best pair of Beef Cattle: Champion L & L BOWEN; Reserve RHYS MILLICAP.

Championship 6c: The Herbert R Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Beef Classes: Champion RHYS MILLICHAP; Reserve L & L BOWEN.

Holstein: Class 18: 1st SOPHIE POWELL, TYRYWEN FARM, MAESYCYMMER; 2nd V.J. THOMAS & SON; 3rd KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD, CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT.

Class 19: Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of the show (not in calf): 1st KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; 2nd V.J. THOMAS & SON; 3rd V.J. THOMAS & SON.

7c: Mervyn Thomas Dros-Y-Mor Perpetual Challenge trophy (winner of class 19): KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD.

Class 20: Heifer in calf: 1st, V.J. THOMAS & SON; 2nd BEN BAKER, CASTLE FARM; 3rd R & M LOUGHER & SONS, TY TANGLWYST FARM, PYLE.

Class 21:Cow in calf but not in milk – any age: 1st V.J. THOMAS & SON; 2nd R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

Class 22: Heifer in milk: 1st V.J. THOMAS & SON; 2nd KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; 3rd V.J. THOMAS & SON.

8c The Ladbrooke (Bridgend Creamery) Challenge Shield (winner of class 22): Winner V.J. THOMAS & SON.

Class 23:Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only): 1st SOPHIE POWELL T Y R Y W E N F A R M , MAESYCYMMER; 2nd V.J. THOMAS & SON; 3rd E READER, GOLDSLAND FARM, WENVOE.

Class 24: Senior cow in milk (4th lactation and above): 1st KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; 2nd V.J. THOMAS & SON; 3rd V.J. THOMAS & SON.

9c The Golden Vale Dairies Perpetual Challenge cup (winner of class 24): Winner KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD.

Class 25 Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers: 1st R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 2nd V.J. THOMAS & SON.

Championship For the best Holstein exhibit: 10c The Glynne Clay Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Holstein Classes: Champion KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; Reserve SOPHIE POWELL.

Pure Other Dairy: Class 26 Maiden heifer (not in calf):1st KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; 2nd E READER; 3rd RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM, CEFN C R I B B W R , BRIDGEND, CF32 OEU.

Class 27: Heifer in calf: 1st RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 2nd E READER.

Class 28 Dairy Cow: 1st E READER; 2nd E READER; 3rd RP & KJ GRANVILLE.

11c: The Richard Taylor Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 28): Winner E READER.

Class 29: Heifer in milk: 1st RP & KJ GRANVILLE.

Championship For any other Pure Dairy Breed: 12cThe G.A.H Samuel Memorial Perpetual Challenge Bowl: Champion E READER; Reserve KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD.

Groups & Dairy Championships: Class 30: Interbreed production and inspection classes (NNR & CIS): 1st R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 2nd R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 3rd R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

13c The Spillers Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 30): Winner R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

Class 31:Best Pair of Dairy Females, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor: 1st V.J. THOMAS & SON; 2nd V.J. THOMAS & SON.

14c The Bill Francis Memorial Challenge Trophy: Champion V.J. THOMAS & SON; Reserve V.J. THOMAS & SON.

Class 32: Group of 3 Dairy Cattle owned by the same Exhibitor: 1st V.J. THOMAS & SON; 2nd KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; 3rd RP & KJ GRANVILLE (winner of class 32): Winner V.J. THOMAS & SON.

Championship For best dairy Calf (Classes 18,19, 26): Champ KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; Reserve SOPHIE POWELL

Championship For best Heifer in Milk (Classes 22 & 29): Champ V J THOMAS & SON; Reserve G RANVILLE.

Championship For best Cow in Milk (Classes 21 & 28): KEVIN & SARAH RICKARD; Reserve SOPHIE POWELL.

Championship for the Best Dairy Cow or Heifer in the Show: 16c The T J Yorwerth Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup; Champ KEVIN & SARAH RICKARD; Reserve SOPHIE POWELL.

Supereme Championship for the best exhibitor in the Cattle Classes: 20c The Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup: Championship V.J. THOMAS & SON; Reserve L & L BOWEN.

Calf Handling: Class 33 Handler 12 and under on the day of the show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed: 1st MEGAN POWELL, TYRYWEN F A R M , MAESYCYMMER; 2nd IANTO DAVIES, GELLI FARM, CEFN C R I B B W R , BRIDGEND, CF32 OEU; 3rd GETHIN LOUGHER, TY TANGLWYST FARM, PYLE.

17c The Glamorgan Farm Supplies Perpetual Challenge Trophy (winner of class 32): Winner MEGAN POWELL.

Class 34 Handler ages 13-18 on the day of the Show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed:1st KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD; 2nd SOPHIE POWELL; 3rd RP & KJ GRANVILLE (BETH).

18c The P J Llewellyn Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 33): Winner KEVIN & SIAN RICKARD (BEN BAKER).

Class 35 Handler 19-26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed: 1st FRANCIS EVANS, PANCROSS; 2nd KATE GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM, CEFN C R I B B W R , BRIDGEND, CF32 OEU; 3rd KATY READER; 4th R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 5th; RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 6th E READER.

19c The W J Bassett Perpetual Challenge Trophy (winner of class 3); Winner FRANCIS EVANS, PANCROSS.

Overall Champion Supreme Championship for the best exhibitor in the Cattle Classes: 20c The Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup: Champion V.J. THOMAS & SON; Reserve L & L BOWEN.

Field Class and Trade Stand

Field Class & Trade Stand Results 2017:

Field Classes: Class 140 Bale of Seed Hay: 1st A J Thomas, New Breach; 2nd Robins, Marlborough Grange.

Class 141: Bale of Meadow Hay: 1st Nat. Hist Museum, St Fagans; 2nd Evan Jones, Pencoed; 3rd Caryl Jenkins, Llwynsaer, Groesfaen.

Class 143 10 kilos Wheat: 1st J R J Thomas, Gileston; 2nd R&L Antony, Tythegston; 3rd James Grange, Wick.

Class 144 10 kilos Oats: 1st Thomas, Gileston; 2nd Radcliffe, Penmark; 3rd James Grange.

Class 145 10 kilos Barley: 1st James, Grange; 2nd Radcliffe, Penmark; 3rd Thomas, Gileston.

Home produce and children's competitions

Section 1 Preserves

Jar marmalade – Vanessa Evans.
Strawberry jam – Vanessa Evans.
Lemon curd – June Morgan.
Raspberry jam – Rachel Evans.
Blackcurrant jam – Carol James.
Mango chutney – Vanessa Evans.
Caramelised red onion chutney – Carol James.

Section 2 Cookery

White loaf bread – Pamela Lewis.
Five cheese scones – Jessica Harris.
Five buffet sausage rolls – Tim Dawe.
Three Scotch eggs – Gaynor Mai Jones.
Five Viennese fingers – Gareth Humphries.
Boiled fruit cake – Vanessa Evans.
Carrot, fruit and nut cake – Gareth Humphreys.
Victoria Sponge – Pat Llewellyn.
Five Welsh cakes – Karen Payne.
Box assorted fudge – Evie Kwan.
Banana loaf cake – Barry Franks.
Apple tart – Vanessa Evans.
Harvest celebration cake – Amanda Oliver.
Five iced fancies – Jessica Harris.
Gluten-free cake – Gareth Humphreys.
Five flapjacks (men only) – Ian.

Section 3 Flower Arrangements

An all-green arrangement – Betty Thomas.
A table centre – Lynda Mumford.
Small Is Beautiful – Betty Thomas.
An exhibit 'A Day At The Races' – Betty Thomas.
An arrangement in a basket – Alison Hannaby.

Section 4 Craft

A peg bag – Sarah Ransley.
A patchwork cushion – A Jenkins.
A celebration card – Miriam Dudley.
An article of cross stitch – KM Turner.
A table runner – Kay Bowring.
A plant pot holder – Victoria Gerlong Smith.
A memory blanket – Lynda Mumford.
An item of 'shabby chic' – Kay Bowring.

Section 5 Art

Water colour – Carol Cooke.
Oil/acrylic – Carol Cooke.
Drawing – Alys Lynch.
Pastels – Maureen Rita Morgan.
Photograph 'Sleeping Beauty' colour – Sandra Oliver.
Photograph 'The coast line' black and white – June Dudley.

Section 6 Children's classes

Seven years and under
An animal made from clothes pegs – Edward Jeynes.
A decorated wooden spoon – Elise Green.
My Face On A Plate in pasta – Siwan Payne.

Age 8 – 11
A bird feeder (any medium) – Thomas Morgan.
three edible sheep – Thomas Morgan.
One metre of bunting (any medium) – Thomas Morgan.

Age 12 – 16
A bird box – Hannah Robins.
Five decorated cup cakes – Sarah Davies.
Design a label for a milk container – Grace Thomas.

Chairman's Cup: Ladies' Day At The Races – Gareth Humphreys.

Dinas Powys Village Show a 'simply wonderful day'

Alun Cairns with winners of Best Garden Display and Largest Marrow, Cecil Townsend.

ON Saturday, September 2, Dinas Powys celebrated the final weekend of summer with the village's annual show.

Hundreds visited the event, including national news channels who were reporting on the world-class displays of vegetables contributed by local farmers.

The show featured performances from Mario Morris Magic Balloon Modelling, as well as a delicious afternoon tea provided by the village's branch of the WI.

Attending the event was MP Alun Cairns who commented: "Dinas Powys Village Show was a simply wonderful day. The calibre of the vegetable entries was remarkable. Congratulations to all who organised the show – it was a shining success!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Age Connects

CARDIFF and Vale Ageing Well project held a very successful open morning at Penarth Library recently.

This was the first time a session was held in Penarth as a way of relaying important information about help being available, such as Welfare Rights, Health and Information sessions that are held at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop in Barry and facilities and activities that are held including Extend, computer class etc.

Questions were asked by users of the library and many were signposted to relevant contact. Lets Get Out project Cardiff and Vale were also available to chat to about the scheme. Another session will be held in September.

Psychic evening

ON September 22, Cadoxton Christian Spiritual Church, Kenilworth Road, Barry, is holding a special evening with psychic surgeon, Vincent Fuller.

The doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Admission (£10) at the door – 16 years of age or over only. All proceeds go towards church renovations.

For further information, contact Marjorie on 01446 746670.

How the Severn was bridged...

Book review by **Brian Lee**

WITH its powerful tides and one of the highest tidal ranges in the world, the Severn Estuary was a barrier between two nations – that was until the Severn Bridge was opened in 1966 – the only way to cross the Severn Estuary was by ferry or railway tunnel.

In the 19th century, Thomas Telford spoke of bridging the estuary, which at the time was too expensive and dangerous, so a railway tunnel was built instead.

Today, we have two magnificent bridges crossing the wide estuary: the Severn Bridge and the Second Severn Crossing, and if you want to know more about the history of these bridges, buy a copy of Chris Witts's *The Severn Estuary Crossings* (published by Amberley at £14.99).

There are a number of rare and previously unpublished photographs in this interesting book and a lot of them have been taken by the author himself.

During the construction of the Severn Bridge, six men accidentally lost their lives and these accidents are recalled in the book.

On a lighter note, I think I am right in saying that when the Severn Bridge was opened, the first man to cycle across it was Stanley Chamberlain, who worked in the despatch department at the Western Mail & Echo offices in Cardiff.

I know this, because I worked there at the time, too!

I also recall the occasion some years ago, when the traffic was so busy on the Severn Bridge that a horse that was due to run at Chepstow races was taken out of his horsebox and walked by his handler to the racecourse, so that it would get there in time for the horse's particular race.

Horse and handler not only got to the track in time, but the horse won his race!

The book is also available in Kindle, Kobo and iBook formats and is available from all good bookshops.

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ANOTHER BUSY SUMMER FOR MENTER BRO MORGANNWG

AT THE END OF BUSY SUMMER HOLIDAYS, WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL AND FUN TIME!

SUMMER CARESCHEME

The Summer Carescheme was once again held at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, with over 360 children attending over the 4 week period.

This is the only full-day care provision held through the medium of Welsh in the Vale of Glamorgan so is an important service which allows parents to continue working, as well as providing the opportunity for children to continue using Welsh during school holidays. The highlights of Summer 2017 have included ceramics, percussion and circus skills workshops, water games, a visit by The Nearly Wild Show creatures, and trips to the Cinema, Bowling, Cantref Farm and PlayZone (Swansea).

BWRLWM PLAY SESSIONS

A new provision for this Summer were the BWRLWM open access play sessions, which were held in partnership with the Urdd for the first 3 weeks of the holidays.

These 1 hour 55 minute sessions were held twice a day at different parks and outdoor locations every day of the week - Victoria Park (Barry), Bear Field (Cowbridge), Belle Vue Park (Penarth), Knap Gardens (Barry) and Llantwit Major Rugby Club. These free sessions proved very popular - with over 230 children attending over the 3 weeks, and an average of 37 children in every session!

The feedback we have received from parents and guardians has been very positive and we would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers involved with these two provisions for their commitment and hard work.

During the 2016/17 academic year, Menter Bro Morgannwg has organised over 220 activities and events, attracting 8,000 service users. We look forward to expanding this programme over the next year thanks to new Framework funding from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

AMSER STORI

We run FREE weekly Welsh-medium storytime sessions during the school term, in various locations around the Vale. The new term starts on the 18th of September.

The sessions are suitable for children aged 0-5 years, and there is a warm welcome to non-Welsh speaking parents/guardians. It is a great way of introducing the Welsh language to your child from a young age through stories and repetitive songs, and you might pick up some vocabulary yourself!

NEW Penarth Library – Every Monday 10-10.30am

Barry Library – Every Tuesday 10-10.30am

Cowbridge Library – Every Wednesday 10-10.30am

Llantwit Major Library – Every Thursday 10.30-11am

Extending our programme for Welsh learners

A great opportunity to meet fellow Welsh learners of all levels and to practise your Cymraeg in a friendly and informal setting, over a cuppa or a pint! Suitable for all levels.

PENARTH

Coffee Morning – every Monday starting September 18th, 11am-12pm @ Foxy's Deli

BARRY

Coffee Morning – every Tuesday starting September 19th, 11am-12pm @ Academy Espresso Bar, Pumphouse

COWBRIDGE

Coffee Morning – every Wednesday starting September 20th, 11am-12pm @ Bear Hotel

LLANTWIT MAJOR

Coffee Morning – every Thursday starting September 21st, 11am – 12pm @ Old White Hart

Dysgu a Diod – on the first Monday of every month, 7-8pm @ Old White Hart.

SPORTS CLUBS

There are many weekly sports clubs held across the Vale, in partnership between Menter Bro Morgannwg, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Urdd Sport Department.

Barry Swimming Club

Every Friday from the 15th of September, Barry Leisure Centre, £48 for the term

Half hour sessions between 4 – 6.45pm

Penarth Swimming Club

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Penarth Multi-Sports Club

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Sesiynau hanner awr rhwng 8.30 – 10.30am

Mae hefyd gwersi Nofio i Ddechreuwyr i blant 3-4 oed am 8-8.30am

Clwb Nofio Hendre Hall

Yn dechrau ar ôl hanner tymor Hydref oherwydd gwaith atgyweirio

Clwb Gymnasteg Penarth

Bob dydd Llun o'r 11eg o Fedi, Canolfan Hamdden Penarth, £48 am y tymor

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Clwb Athletau

Bob dydd Llun o'r 18fed o Fedi, 6-7pm yn Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, £36 am y tymor

Clwb Aml-Chwaraeon Sant Baruc

Bob dydd Mawrth o'r 12fed o Fedi, 3.30-4.30pm yn Ysgol Sant Baruc, £24 am y tymor

Clwb Aml-Chwaraeon Y Bontfaen

Bob dydd Iau o'r 21ain o Fedi, 3.30-4.30pm yn Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, £24 am y tymor

Clwb Aml-Chwaraeon Penarth

Bob dydd Mercher o'r 13eg o Fedi, 3.30-4.30pm yn Ysgol Pen-y-Garth, £24 am y tymor

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CLUB FINALS DAY HELD AT WENVOE CASTLE GOLF CLUB

THE programme for the club finals day at Wenvoe Castle is exceptionally busy with nine finals to be contested, as well as hosting the Hallett Society Cup and Plate finals involving a further eight matches.

Club champion Matt Mullooly.

H Regan mens foursomes winners.

The finalists were greeted with quite heavy rainfall which briefly threatened to disrupt the programme but Wenvoe Castle is recognised for its excellent drainage and coped remarkable well.

The players were delighted there was no delay and all matches went ahead as planned. Reaching any final is an achievement in itself after several months of knockout stages beginning as far back as the spring.

First out was the Men's Club Championship, played over 36 holes and saw Matt Mullooly defending his title against Wayne Adams.

The final is usually one of high quality golf and this year was no exception. After the first 18 holes Matt held a slender lead which increased to a lead of three holes with just three to go.

Wayne struck back on the 16th and had a chance to take the match to the final hole but Matt held out to finish the match on the penultimate hole and hold on to his title.

The Ladies Championship was also played over 36 holes with defending champion Sheila Morrow against Lynda Campbell.

The match proved to be another very close contest with neither player building up a significant lead. Despite accidentally breaking the shaft of her driver during the first 18 holes, Lynda kept in touch and bravely played the second round with a new driver.

It was not surprising to see the match ending all square after 36 holes and it went to sudden death. Sheila completed a successful defence of her title, sinking a remarkable 25-foot putt on the first extra hole and both players can be proud of an exciting match played in an excellent spirit.

The Robert Rickard Cup was keenly contested by John Peters and Mike Veryard and played over 18 holes. Another close contest saw John capture the trophy on the 17th green.

The Dragon Trophy is a qualifying competition for players with handicap of 10 and over. Mark Bloomfield had entered the knockout stages by winning a five-way play off for one of the final eight places and went on to be rewarded by a victory over Brian Morris in the final.

Three ladies finals followed, with Barbara Beedham coming out on top against Lesley Sherrard to win the Mary Fellows Bowl; Wendy Motton then overcame Dee Lloyd to win the Ladies Bronze Championship and Maria Venn and Gill Rodgers fought out a repeat of last year's final in the Blod Lewis Cup with Maria gaining revenge and it was her turn to win the trophy.

The H Regan Men's Foursome saw an intriguing match between two pairs and it was low handicaps versus high handicaps.

With many strokes to be conceded, Neil Kelly and Pat Regan found it difficult against the consistent David Donovan and David Hutchings, who opened up a strong lead in the early stages hold on to achieve a well-deserved victory and will enjoy seeing their names on the honours board.

In the last final of the busy day Trish and Phil Walker proved worthy winners of the Dr & Mrs A M Foursomes Trophy against Deborah and Chris Jones.

A second finals day is held to accommodate players who reach a number of finals and Barbara Beedham claimed a second title playing with Heather Kinsey to win the White Cup against Wendy Motton and Mags Lewis.

On the day the trophy was presented to the winner by the individual referee and consistently the players involved were complimented on the spirit in which each game was played.

Given the difficult and wet weather conditions, compliments were also paid to the green staff for the outstanding condition and presentation of the course.

All winners can look forward to their names being engraved on the honours boards while the losing finalists will no doubt reflect and use the valuable experience to go one better in the future.

Results: Club Champion Matt Mullooly, runner-up Wayne Adams; Ladies Champion Sheila Morrow, runner-up Lynda Campbell; Robert Rickard Cup winner John Peters, runner-up Mike Veryard; Dragon Trophy winner Mark Bloomfield, runner-up Brian Morris; Mary Fellows Bowl winner Barbara Beedham, runner-up Lesley Sherrard; H Regan Foursome Cup winners David Donovan and David Hutchings, runners-up Neil Kelly and Pat Regan; Ladies Bronze Championship winner Wendy Motton, runner-up Dee Lloyd; Blod Lewis Cup winner Maria Venn, runner-up Gill Rodgers; Dr &Mrs A M Trophy winners Trish and Phil Walker, runners-up Deborah and Chris Jones. **BJ**

Ladies champion Sheila Morrow.

'Aspire2Own' your own property!

THE Vale Council and four local housing associations have launched a campaign to promote the low cost home ownership options available to first-time buyers trying to get on the property ladder.

Aspire2Own was created by the Vale Council and its partners in recognition that first time buyers can often find it difficult to get onto the first step of the property ladder.

With an Aspire2Own shared equity scheme, first-time buyers can purchase a new home for less than the market value – so they don't need to raise such a big mortgage or deposit.

The buyer owns their new home outright and as the value of their home increases, so does the value of their share.

Danielle Lewis recently purchased her first home in Picca Close at St. Lythan's Park with housing association United Welsh in partnership with the council through the Aspire2Own scheme.

Danielle said: "Aspire2Own has enabled me to finally get a step on the property ladder, which is something I only dreamed of. Now I can gain some independence and move out of my parents' home, which they are as happy as me about!

"Everyone was extremely helpful throughout the process and with this being my first property purchase it felt overwhelming at times, so I really appreciated all the information I was given.

"I would recommend this scheme to any first-time buyer who wants to own a home. With rent prices seemingly forever increasing, this is a great opportunity to actually have something that you can call your own."

Cllr Andrew Parker, Vale Council Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services, said: "House prices have risen beyond the reach of many would-be first-time buyers so the Vale Council is delighted to help deliver this scheme with our partners to help more people get on the property ladder.

"Buying a property on a shared-equity basis makes it more affordable, while this scheme allows those participating to eventually gain total ownership of their home without paying any rent or interest on the portion they don't own in the meantime."

Last year, United Welsh, Hafod, Newydd and Wales and West Housing signed a partnership agreement with Vale Council to deliver more affordable homes for the area and ensure the process is as effective as possible.

For more information about Aspire2Own and joining the register, call the team and quote 'Aspire2Own' on 01446 709 433 or email aspire2own@valeof glamorgan.gov.uk.

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Finals weekend at Windsor club

THE atrocious weather which was present for part of the weekend failed to dampen the enthusiasm or skill of the Windsor bowlers as the annual battle for trophies was fought.

Pictured above are Matthew Woodcock, the men's champion, and Kay Dyer, the ladies' champion. Matthew had a far tougher game against Rod Hudson than the score suggests while Kay bowled well against Chris Davies who looked exhausted after no less than six finals appearances.

The full results are as follows: Ladies: Championship - K. Dyer beat C. Davies 21-9; Triples - B. Ellis, M. Owen, D. Roper beat C. Davies, D. Ellard, G. Latham 22-11; 4 wood pairs - C. Davies, L. White beat D. Ellard, M. Owen 24-13; 2 wood pairs - C. Davies, J. Williams beat A. Hudson, M. Huntley 21-12; 2 wood singles - C. Davies beat V. Flitney 16-9.

Chris Young Cup - D. Ellard beat G. Latham 21-12; handicap - C. Lewis beat C. Davies 21-18.

Mens: Championship - M. Woodcock beat R. Hudson 21-11; 4 wood pairs - T. Evans, R. Flitney beat D. Lewis, K. McLeod 24-12; 2 wood pairs - T. Evans, C. Lewis beat P. Morrish, P. Gunter 19-17; 2 wood singles - R. Flitney beat D. Rees 16-7; Hardun Cup - D. Hales beat C. Palfrey 21-8; handicap - R. Hudson beat D. Rees 21-16; Brice Cup - C. Burton beat R. Flitney 15-10.

Mixed: Presidents Cup - E & M Woodcock beat V & R Flitney 22-6; mixed pairs - A. Hudson & M. Woodcock beat D. Roper & R. Flitney 23-18. **PM**

U3As in table tennis action

32 people, making up 16 teams, turned up at Sophia Gardens Sports Centre Cardiff on Wednesday, September 6 to take part in the first ever U3A Welsh Nationals Table Tennis Mixed Doubles Championship.

Runners-up for Cowbridge, Les Hall and Pat Smith.

They came from far and wide - six teams were entered from Porthmadog U3A, some of which took nine hours to reach Cardiff; then there were six teams from Neyland U3A in Pembrokeshire with three teams from Cowbridge and one combined team with members from Cowbridge and Bridgend.

The tournament started at 10am, split into four groups on a round-robin basis - these matches continued until lunch time when we were then given a one-hour respite to charge up the batteries before the serious business of competing with the winners from each group.

There were some very hard-fought matches throughout the tournament but in the end congratulations went to Graham George and Gaynor Evans from Neyland U3A, Pembrokeshire, who were worthy winners, with Les Hall and Pat Smith from Cowbridge U3A runners-up.

Third place was Neyland U3A with Cowbridge U3A making it into fourth place. It was a very enjoyable day with a lot of camaraderie during the games and new friendships being formed and it was nice to see supporters encouraging their teams from all three U3A's that took part.

Philip Avery, competition organiser, hopes this will be an annual occasion with perhaps members who attended spreading the word for more U3A's to take part in future. **PS**

Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club news

BELLE VUE finished the outdoor season with a very good win against Sully Bowling Club in the Munro Cup recently.

Both sides only had 13 men but it was played in very good spirits with Belle Vue winning by 29 shots, three rinks winning and one defeat; 12 points to 2 points.

Rink one won 18-3; lead was captain Frank Keen, No 2 was Dave Smith and skip was Dave Miller. All three hit their best form.

Rink two won 10-8, the only rink with four players on each side. Lead was Mike Owens, No 2 was Gordon Ford, No 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Paul Paterson. All four fought hard for their win.

Rink three was the only losing rink, going down 18-6. Lead was Dave Rappitt, No 2 was Paul Booth and the skip was John Allen.

Rink four won 16-10 – another good win for Trevor and his boys who have played consistently well and were the best rink for the season. Lead was Dave Bradley, No 2 was Richard Brant and the skip was club champion Trevor Ford.

Thanks go to Malcolm Thomas for providing the pasties for the home games and a special thank you to treasurer Paul Booth who ran the bar, funds and provided help for the Wednesday captain. **FK**

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Soroptimists' trolley full of goodies for ward patients

BARRY and District Soroptimists visited the Sam Davies ward in Barry Hospital and donated a variety of items for patients – ranging from nightwear, toiletries, large print and audio books and DVDs – to a cassette and tape recorder, as well as a large bag of sweets for prizes at the bingo sessions.

Kay Thomas, who organised another successful 50th challenge for club members, brought along 50 items for patients' art relaxation and games to provide opportunities for social interaction.

She said: "It's been fantastic how members have responded to the challenge. They have been very generous and thoughtful in the different donations."

There was so much to take to the ward that even the porter had to help with a large trolley! Sister Linda Edwards was delighted to receive the 'goodies' on behalf of the ward, and expressed her sincere appreciation for all the club is doing to support it.

Members spent some time unpacking the trolley and setting up the display case in the day room, with items which could be accessed by patients and provide stimulation in what can be a long day when in hospital.

This year, the focus of the president's charity has been to support patient welfare on the Sam Davies Ward. However, the club also supports a number of local, national and international charities which cover educational, health and environmental projects.

On September 29 SI Barry & District will be holding their Macmillan Coffee Morning at the beach huts on Barry Island. All are welcome!

From left: Mary Tornabene, president Jackie Memory, Kay Thomas, Pat Salt and Tracey Beavan.

From left: 'TaRaa' – former president Jackie, Tracey, Pat and Mary.

Free help with computers at Dinas Powys

'Digital Champions' pictured with Coun Keith Hatton.

PEOPLE who need lessons on how to use modern IT technology are invited to free drop-in sessions at Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre.

Located adjacent to the junior department of Dinas Powys Primary School, one-to-one training from scratch is being held every Monday morning from 10am until noon.

A spokesperson said: "All people have to do is book in advance by calling the library.

"Social media has a growing role and it's important that people can use computers. Without those skills, people can become isolated."

Coun Keith Hatton added: "We have a number of computers that are well used by the community without any charge. However, we are aware that some need a little help to get going".

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Cadoxton Bowls Club
RESULTS ROUND-UP

August 26 Cadoxton v Bridgwater – Friendly

AN annual, mixed friendly fixture took place at Cadoxton – which, unfortunately, clashed with a number of players' committed elsewhere.

However, the game was played and was enjoyed by all those taking part. The result of the match was of no great importance, but for the record, Jean Tuck skipped the only successful home rink, while Jim Davies fought out a well-matched draw against his opposing rink.

The other two rinks were defeated – thanks to Millwood – they helped out by allowing the Bridgwater club to bring a second team to fill up their coach.

Pam Bryant, G Solomon, D Evans, Jean Tuck 26 - 10; Marion Martin, Pauline Davies, D Hammond, R Byrne 11 – 16. E Heppenstall, Linda Morgan, Moya Slee, J Davies 14 – 14; J Stacey, Bron Powditch, Ann Jones, S Clarke 8 – 27. Total 59 – 67.

August 26 Cadoxton v Cyfarthfa Castle – CML5

CADOXTON made the long trip to Cyfarthfa Castle for their last away fixture, only to return with just one point, against the league leaders.

Don Kuhnell skipped his rink well, to keep the deficit to just three shots, when a break for tea was made. On the restart, further good results took them into the lead, resulting in a four-shot advantage going into the final end. Unfortunately, a '4' was conceded to tie the match.

The decision to keep the same rink that had a big win last week, didn't produce a similar success. They were level at 5-5, but at the break, this had changed to 5 – 13 down, which increased to 7-22 with four ends left, three of which brought success. Not enough to make a difference to the outcome.

Roy Harding's rink had a terrible start and at the break had 15 shots against without scoring. They had the better part of the remaining ends, but ended still well beaten.

Finally, Kelvin Chedgzoy had a good start on his rink, and seemed to be in charge with the score at 7-3. However, a '6' against on the next took away their confidence and they failed to score during seven of the next eight ends. A spirited recovery during the final ends was not sufficient.

E Heppenstall, D Hammond, W Craven, J Davies 11 - 24, A Cross, J Harrison, D Blainey, M Hughes; J Stacey, I Robertson, H Craven, D Kuhnell 19 – 19; C Salvidge, G Lane, D Poole, R Mauchline. J Papoutsou, S Clarke, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 14 – 22, T Rice, B Toozer, T Phillips, I Williams; I Heppenstall, R Byrne, D Jeffries, R Harding 10 – 23, D Rogan, D Davies, A Perry, G Russell. Total 54 – 88.

September 2 Cadoxton v St Peter's – CML5

THE sun shone, as Cadoxton finished their league fixtures with a decisive home victory against St Peter's.

This gave them 12 points, which ensured third place, just outside the promotion position. The start didn't look too promising when Roy Harding's rink conceded a '6' and '3' on the opening ends and by the 7th end trailed 17-3. However, Don Kuhnell led his rink to a 12 – 1 advantage during the same period, and with the other two rinks closely contested.

The position did not look so bad. In an incredible turnround, Roy's rink produced six successful ends, including a '7' to take a 19-17 lead, and eventually ended 23 each.

During this recovery, Don's rink failed to score on five ends and the advantage reduced to 12-10. Nevertheless, after a winning single on the next, the mat was brought up and this manoeuvre allowed a home win of 21-13.

Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink was a close encounter with the scores level on four, eight, nine and finally finished on 16 each. Howard Craven skipped the other rink and started slowly, but improved, to take the advantage for the first time on the tenth end – and continued to improve on it for the remainder of the game, for a convincing victory.

E Heppenstall, D Hammond, W Craven, H Craven 25 - 15; J Stacey, I Robertson, J Davies, D Kuhnell 21 – 13; J Papoutsou, S Clarke, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 16 – 16; I Heppenstall, R Byrne, D Jeffries, R Harding 23 – 23. Total 85 – 67.

SEASON CLOSES FOR MURCH

ON Wednesday, August 30, Murch Bowling club played host to the Belle Vue bowling club from Penarth.

It was a tight game played in the usual competitive but friendly atmosphere.

There where wins for the Belle Vue rinks skipped by L. Aubrey and Trevey Ford but wins for the Murch rinks skipped by Graham Russell and the always-reliable Roger Mauchline saw a narrow victory for the Dinas Powys club.

On Saturday, September 2, the Murch travelled to Merthyr for their last league game of the season against the title-chasing Cyfartha Castle Bowling club.

In the delightful scenery of Cyfartha Park and in the shadow of the beautiful and imposing Cyfartha Castle itself Murch found their opponents too strong and there were wins for the Cyfartha rinks skipped by A Moore, I Davies, M Jones and K.Davies.

Anyone interested in taking up the engrossing and pleasant hobby of bowls at Murch Bowling club should contact us on 02920 513396 where they are assured of a warm welcome.

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Epic end to the season for Millwood

LAST weekend saw both Millwood sides complete their final league fixtures for the club side, playing at home to Beddau in a Division 4 game.

The icing on the cake would be promotion to Division 3 – if they could pull off victory. After the first five ends, the visitors led by one shot, 24-23. Over the next five ends, however, the home side began to hit their stride, with Brian Crockford and his rink taking a seven-shot lead, a position they maintained for the whole match, winning comfortably 31-13 shots.

Keith Davies and his rink also took charge over ends 5 – 10 leading by 13 shots to five, and eventually winning 29 shots to 14.

Gary Williams, meanwhile, was finding his opponents a harder nut to crack and after 10 ends the scores were level at 11 apiece. Over the next six ends, Gary and his rink won six ends straight off and took a lead of 20 to 11 shots and, despite their opponents making a three and a two on consecutive ends, the rink were worthy winners 26 shots to 17.

Peter Taylor and his rink were finding life a lot tougher against some resolute opposition: the first 10 ends were even with a score of 12 shots each after 15 ends.

Peter had edged into a two-shot lead 17-15 – by end 20 this was down to one shot 19-18 but a final push on the last end saw Peter score another shot to win 20 shots to 18 shots, thus completing the clean sweep, taking 14 points and winning by 106 shots to 62 shots.

Congratulations to captain John Slee and all players who have played for the club side this season for this epic result to a long season.

Millwood A side, meantime, got the Sat Navs out and went to Ystrad Mynach for the final match of the season; with promotion already decided pride was at stake, especially as the home side needed a minimum of two points to ensure they finished as champions.

Armed with this knowledge, Millwood put their collective best feet forward and, led by Roy Gregory and his rink, who powered into an early lead and were not headed by the home side, were worthy winners 23 shots to six.

Bryn Webb was now joining in and he and his rink had a commanding lead of 17-9 shots after 10 ends: alas, a dropped five and four narrowed the gap to two shots, but a three on the final end sealed victory 23 shots to 20 shots.

Elsewhere, Geoff Stone and Brian Howcroft with their respective rinks found great difficulty in matching their opponents and somewhat disappointingly lost; however the overall result was a win for Millwoob by 74 shots to 65 shots, Millwood taking the points by 10 points to four points and finishing third in the Division.

A big thank you to all players for your support during the season.

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Wanderers stave off relegation fears with win

ANY threat of relegation was thankfully absent as Barry Wanderers took the field on Saturday, owing to confirmation that only two teams were going down as was originally planned.

Monmouth the visitors still had a chance of promotion but were relying on Sully losing to already relegated Creigau which seemed unlikely.

Captain Hassett managed to win a toss and elected to bat in the sunshine and Barry managed to put together a well-crafted innings which has eluded them so much this season.

Brychan Tudor and Matt Anderson survived some fantastic deliveries early doors to put on 63 until Anderson was caught and bowled by Ben Davies for 30.

Hornby at 3 helped Tudor put on another 61 until Tudor went the same was as Anderson for a quality 44. Kunal Mhadgut finally played on Saturday like he does on a Sunday and joined Hornby until he was stumped by the Harris brothers - Joe, an under-14 behind the stumps, and Owen, an under-12 off spinner bowler.

Hornby went for 32 and Mhadgut 35 to put the Wanderers on 197 for 5 when Mhadgut in the 42nd over when in strode Jack Williams. He faced 12 balls but finished on 32 not out which included four big 6s to give momentum to the end of the innings and a total of 235.

Monmouth started like a train with young Luke Grant making his first team debut, opening the bowling and his fellow opening bowler could not stem the early runs from the openers Adam Roberts and Henry Breeze who are class batsmen.

They had raced to 63 when Roberts chopped on for 27. Josh Grey at 3 however is equally as accomplished and looked like he and Breeze would win the game on their own but the introduction of the slow bowling of Jonny Hill slowed things down somewhat.

Not only that, he managed to remove both Breeze for 38 and Grey for 45 to make the score a 142 for 3, so there was still a hint of promise for the Wanderers.

Despite an excellent catch from Hill on the boundary to remove Ben Pilot for Kunal Mhadgut to take his first wicket for the first team and the loss of Ben Davies to a great leg side wicket keeping catch from Wolfenden, Monmouth strode to victory thanks to Matthew Jones.

His 72 from 85 balls included 11 fours and a six which is what Alim Hansraj hit to finish in style and win in the first ball of the 42nd over.

Jones came off to a well-deserved round of applause while both teams had a tinge of disappointment as the Wanderers had lost again and Monmouth had failed to be promoted by 10 points. Having five players under 15 in the team means, though, that the future is bright.

For the Wanderers, it was a decent performance and again dropped catches were very costly with Jones dropped on 3.

Getting a settled team has been a big problem and despite staying up they know it will be even tougher next year, but already though they are looking forward to it. Congratulations must also go to Crumlin and near neighbours Sully on being promoted.

On a sad note, it was also the end of an era as James Hassett confirmed he was stepping down after five years at the helm and the club will be forever grateful for the time and energy he has given to the club.

Also, second team skipper Paul Sawyer has stood down and again thanks are given for what is probably the toughest job in the club.

The season is far from over though with quite a few friendlies to come, a golf day on October 1 and the annual dinner on November 10 at the Seashore Grill where awards will be given out.

AF

Barry Romilly Bowls Club news

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club travelled away to Ynysybwl for their final game of the season, with a good result more important for a home side struggling in the bottom three of the league.

The 'Rom' have had an up and down season, but needed a win to finish in the top three. On a fine Saturday afternoon, Romilly got off to a positive start on a green running well and by the fifth end, held a nine -shot advantage, mainly due to some brilliant drawing bowls by skip Jeff Wright.

As the game progressed, Wright's rink of Jerry Daly, Dave Noble and Clive Collins continued to play well and they held a nine-shot lead themselves on the tenth end.

Romilly's other rinks, skipped by Mike Doyle and Fred Phillips, held leads of seven and five respectively, while Brian Foscolo's rink was level at ten all, giving the 'Rom' a 21-shot lead at halfway 54–33.

Although Romilly were holding a comfortable lead, they couldn't rest on their laurels, as the home team were fighting for their first division survival and between the 11th and 15th ends, they reduced their deficit to just nine shots overall.

The Romilly rinks of Foscolo and Phillips were overtaken in this period, going behind by three and two respectfully, while the other rinks of Doyle and Wright maintained their advantages by nine and five shots respectfully.

In fairness to the Ynysybwl team, they continued to press hard over the final ends but the Romilly rinks of Doyle, Wright and Foscolo won their games. Phillips's rink never recovered, losing seven of the last nine ends.

The 'Rom' ran out comfortable winners by 15 shots, 95-80, taking 12 points to Ynysybwl's two.

Rink scores were: M Doyle 24, A Dash 12; J Wright 28, I Randell 22; B Foscolo 26, M Thomas 21; F Phillips 17, K Jones 26.

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Windsor ladies enjoy comfortable win in their last game

THE last ladies match of the season for Penarth Windsor resulted in a comfortable win in the Afternoon League against Llantwit Major.

The final result was 65-38, including rink wins for A. Morrish, C.Fitzgerald, C. Davies and K. Dyer 28-6; S. Howells, B. Dunlop, V. Flitney and D.Thomas 24-11.

The other rink of C.Lewis, S. Paterson, A. Rees and M. Owen suffered a 13-21 reverse.

For the men, the honours again went to the PG1 team in their home game against Sully Sports.

Although Windsor had already gained promotion, they were anxious to reverse their early season defeat at Sully.

With the absence of captain Matt Woodcock and the mercurial Ken McLeod, a tough contest was anticipated but the team rose well to the occasion, gaining a big win by 94 shots to 60.

On rink 1, Matthews, Morrish and Gunter were all in top form, winning 27-11, giving Skip Holmes an armchair ride.

However, his teammates were still grateful for his occasional contribution.

There was also a big win for Lewis, Palfrey, Flitney and Hudson 33-11 and a 19-14 win for Evans, Gooding, Thorne and Hope.

The other rink of Rogers, Latham, Rees and Close suffered the only reversal, going down 15-24.

Thoughts now turn to the last match of the season at home to Pontyclun where the promotion hopes of our neighbours at Rectory Road may well rest in Windsor hands.

It was at Rectory Road, that the Alliance team played their penultimate match but suffered yet another defeat, by 53 shots to 67.

There was only one rink win, by Peregrine, Brenton, Hardess and Williams 23-12.

Thursday saw the visit of our great friends from St Albans for a friendly match. It resulted in a close win for Windsor by 54 shots to 47.

There were wins for Johnson, Williams, Latham and Lewis (14-7), for Meredith, Woodcock A, Morgan and Gunter (14-12) and a draw for Owen, Armstrong, Hales and Rogers (13-13).

Finally, the club would like to express their grateful thanks to all the teams that took part in the John Skone Memorial Trophy and also to the day's sponsors, Glamorgan Motors and James Summers.

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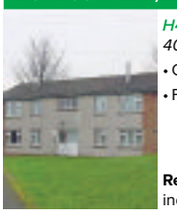

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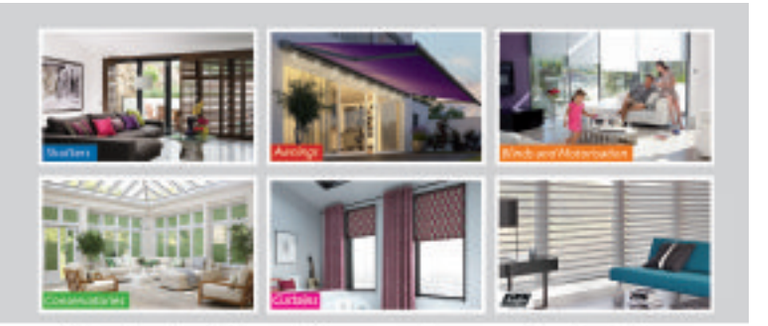

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Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:- Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

NAME OF APPLICANT: **NADIRA IRSHAD**

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DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: **3rd October 2017**

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Les will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday, 19th September, service at Llansantffraid Church, Aberkenfig at 1.15pm, followed by interment at Sarn Cemetery at 2pm.

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Bobbie

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Bobbie will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 20 September. Service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie, Holme Tower, Penarth. Black attire not requested.

KNIGHT
Masie *(née Elston)*

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Resting at Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Home, Court Road, Barry until the service on Friday, 29th September at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

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Jill and John will be greatly missed by all their family and many friends.

Funerals Friday, 22nd September, service at St. Canna's Church, Llangan at 2pm, followed by interment in the graveyard. Flowers or donations in lieu may be made to either Cancer Research Wales or the Ophthalmic Endowment Fund (Eye Clinic, Princess of Wales Hospital) c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

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Peacefully on 1st September 2017 at Holme Tower, Penarth, Mike of Rhoose Point, lost his battle after 18 months, surrounded by his wife Nicola, children Emma, Lewis and all his family. Well loved bampi of Ellie-Mae and Brody.

Mike will be sadly missed by all his friends and family.

Family and friends are welcome to join the funeral and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Tuesday, 19th September at 4pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in Mike's memory can be handed to the funeral director after the funeral and will be donated to Marie Curie, Holme Tower, Penarth.

HOOLEY
Gladys Barbara

Peacefully at home on 1st September, aged 91 years, cherished wife of husband Don, together for 62 years.

Barbara will be sadly missed by all who knew her and benefitted from her comprehensive knowledge.

My appreciation is extended to Dr Sian Williams and colleagues at Cowbridge and Vale Medical Practice who, together with carers Kelly and team (day), Wendy and team (night) and district nurses enabled Barbara to stay at home until the end.

Funeral at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 2pm on Monday, 25th September.

Donations in lieu of flowers to The Alzheimer's Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Brigantine Place, Cardiff, CF10 4BY.

RICHARDSON
Hannah (née Murphy)

At Llandough Hospital on September 3rd, aged 89. Much loved wife of Derek, sister of Willie, mother of Christine, Karen, Brian and Diane, grandmother of Danielle, James, David, Jed and Sophie, great-grandmother of Darcy and Lula.

Hannah is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her Requiem Mass at St Helen's Church, Court Road, Barry at 9.30am Monday, 18th September, followed by committal service at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Marie Curie, Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

GLEADEN
Joseph Leslie 'Les'

Les sadly passed away on 29th August 2017. Devoted husband to Joyce, father of Doreen, father-in-law to the late Martyn and loving grandfather and great grandfather.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, 15th September at Welsh St Donats Church at 2.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium at 4pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu would be appreciated to Diabetes U.K c/o Green Willow Funerals. Any enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21A Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: (029) 20755 555.

PERRY
Josh

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, Barry until the service on Wednesday, 20th September 2017 at The Barry Memorial Hall, arrival at 09.30am for a 10am Service, followed by the committal at Barry Cemetery at 11.30am.

Preferred Family Flowers only and donations if desired in lieu to www.gofundme.com/joshs-boys-money

RYLES
George (Jock)

Peacefully after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on 6th September 2017, Jock, aged 88 years. Much loved husband of Joan loved father and grandfather to John, Philip and grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Thursday, 21st September at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for Cancer Research c/o the funeral director.

HARDING
Clive

Suddenly at Glan Gwilli Hospital, Carmarthen, on August 26, Clive, dearly loved husband of Caroline, adored daddy of Thomas, Adam and Bethan. Beloved son of Averil and Alan, brother of Neil, missed by all family, friends and colleagues. Funeral at Llandeilo Parish Church, Friday, September 15 at 2.30pm.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu to David W Watkins Funeral Director, 44 Rhosmaen Street, Llandeilo, SA19 6HD for HAEUU.org or Cruse Bereavement Care.

ANN COLLINS

Ann Collins passed away peacefully on 21 August at the University Hospital of Wales. Beloved wife of Garry Snr, cherished mother of Garry Jnr and Christopher, much loved nan of Brodie, Nicole and Riley.

Funeral will be at 1pm on 15 September at Barry Crematorium. Only family flowers please but donations are welcome and to be made to Haematology Ward, B4, U.H.W. The family welcome friends to join them at Bar Cocoa from 2pm.

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DAY
Michael *(Mike)*

Sadly, on August 31, 2017, at the University Hospital Wales, after a tragic accident. Devoted father and grandfather and dedicated dog walker for Cardiff Dogs Home. So very much loved and missed by his family and friends.

Resting at James Summers and Son, Lavernock Road, Penarth until the funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 19th September at 11am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cardiff Dogs Home, Westpoint Industial Estate, Penarth Road, Llandough, Cardiff, CF11 8JQ.

DAVIES
Dr Penelope Kaye (née Symmonds)

Widow of Brian, loving mother and grandmother. Kaye died suddenly on the 5th September 2017, aged 78.

Private cremation to be followed by a thanksgiving service on 2nd October 2017. Further details from Palmers of Budleigh Salterton. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to Cancer Research UK. www.cancerresearchuk.org

BOWLEY
Clive

Peacefully, on September 1 at Llandough Hospital, Clive of Rhoose.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday September 18, service and cremation 2pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only may be sent to the funeral home, donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Bridgeman Road, Penarth CF64 3YR.

BUSH
Brian

Peacefully on the 8th September, Brian, beloved son, brother and uncle, aged 66 years, passed away.

He will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service in the funeral home chapel on Wednesday, 20th September at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations if wished for Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o funeral directors (cheques only).

PERRETT
Tom

Peacefully on September 5th at Llandough Hospital, with his devoted wife Maureen at his bedside, Tom sadly passed away. Well known within Cadoxton and much loved dad of Michael, Maria and Thomas. A cherished grampy to all his grandchildren.

Tom will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St Cadoc's, Old Village Church, Barry on Thursday, 21st September at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral or donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Tom's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages. All donations to support Marie Curie in memory of Tom.

Family request sunny and bright colours be worn. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

CAIG
Judith Margaret (née Povey)

Suddenly after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on 31st August 2017, Judy, beloved wife of the late Mike. Much loved mum of Richard, Wendy and son-in-law Rob. Adored nan of Amey, Megan, Owen, Kate, Adam and Josh. Loved sister of Roger and the late Michael.

Judy will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 20th September at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for Macmillan Nurses and Palliative Care Nurses at Llandough c/o the funeral director.

BURMINGHAM
Harold Kenneth

Harold sadly passed away on Saturday, 9th September 2017. Loving husband of Pearl, father of Dave and Rob. Father-in-law of Kath and Jan, grandfather to Jon and his wife Emma, Sian and her husband John, Menna and Harri. Great grandfather to Fayth, Ellie, Charlie, Eli and Nate.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service will take place on Wednesday, 20th September 2017 at 12 noon at Cadoxton Methodist Church. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu, if desired, would be appreciated to The Alzheimer's Society. All enquires to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

Memorial Service

THOMAS
Herbert William (Herbie)

A memorial service will be held on the 22nd September at 11am at Llanblethian Church to celebrate the life of Herbie, who passed away peacefully at the age of 85 in Suffolk on the 13th August. Followed by a wake at the Farmers Arms in Aberthin. All friends and family welcome.

Acknowledgements

JAMES
Meriel

1944 – 2017

Glyn and his sons would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their love and support at this sad time. Thank you to Reverend Wishart for his kind words and comforting service in celebration of Meriel's life and to the attentive services of W. James & Sons.

PRATT
John (Jack)

Elsie and family would like to thank all those who attended John's funeral on Monday, 11th September and for all the kind messages of support.

Special thanks to the staff of Mainport, Co. Cork Ireland and the staff at Navigator Terminals, Barry for their thoughts and floral tributes. Thanks also to Robert Johnson Funeral Directors for the kindness and attention afforded to John.

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All our love always, Kathleen and Helen xxx

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Barry RFC seconds play numbers game to edge out victory

PICTURE BY JUDITH DUTTON.

BARRY RFC second XV were hoping to build on last week's away victory at Rhiwbina when St Josephs visited the Reservoir Field on Saturday.

Coaches Rhidian Scott and Glyn Pirso returned to take charge of the squad, and they handed a debut to Matt Williams at scrum-half to partner captain Joel Williams, and a reshuffling saw Frank and Garth Peake revert to wing from wing forward.

The visitors were heavily depleted and were unable to field a full 15 players, but they were much the brighter in the opening exchanges.

Barry fell foul of some poor handling and the referee's whistle, and St Josephs took full advantage to put the first points on the scoreboard via a penalty opportunity.

Barry huffed and puffed but failed to make their numerical advantage truly count, missing numerous chances in attack and allowing the opponents off the hook.

The hosts did finally score when Ben Dwyer crashed over. Dylan Robertson was successful with the conversion.

The idea of the floodgates opening after that score was a novel one, and one that never materialised. Instead it was St Josephs who kicked another penalty to reduce the deficit to one.

Barry were still not utilising their numerical advantage but did get the next score, scrambling over via Chris Mitchell under the posts with Robertson adding the extras.

With half-time looming the coaching staff were hoping to be able to build-on that slender lead during the interval, but it was not to be.

Instead, the visitors turned the game upside down within a few minutes.

First, they would reduce the lead further with another well-struck penalty. Then, when there was confusion in the Barry ranks as to whether the visiting side were kicking for the posts, St Josephs played on and ran through an unsuspecting Barry defence for a converted score.

Incredibly, at half-time, despite a huge numerical advantage in terms of players on the field, Barry were behind on the scoreboard, 16-14.

The coaches voiced their discontent during the break and emptied the bench in an effort to overturn the deficit.

Their outburst had initial success when a clear overlap was finally taken advantage of, Dwyer the beneficiary once more.

But with the conversion missed, the scores were soon level when the visitors kicked another penalty.

Barry continued to labour against an industrious opposition, and when St Josephs lost another player to injury the home side finally took full advantage.

Joel Williams spotted the overlap and his perfectly executed grubber kick was collected by Kyle Case to cross for his first try of the season. Robertson added the extras to give his side breathing space.

Minutes after it was Robertson the try scorer as he cut a good angle against a tired visiting defence to score under the posts. The conversion was added to finally put the game to bed.

It was, fittingly, however, St Josephs who had the final say. With the last play of the game, they ran through a dazed Barry defence to score a deserved try in the corner, bringing the final score to 33-24.

Barry second XV return to action as they visit Glamorgan Wanderers this weekend, where the coaches will hope an improvement in the performance.

Team: Robertson; F Peake, Busuttil, Montague, G Peake; J Williams (c), M Williams; Hall, Evans, Bowditch; Mitchell, M Jones; G Jones, Dwyer, Warry. Replacements: L Jones, Case, Raseru, Dutton.

KC

FINALS DAY TO REMEMBER AT ROMILLY BOWLS CLUB

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club held their joint ladies and gents finals day last Saturday at Romilly Park.

The programme began at 10am with four games and in conditions ideal for bowling despite the weather forecast of heavy showers.

The first session contained both ladies and men's novice four bowl singles and two wood singles.

Both ladies games were expected to be close affairs but as all bowlers know this rarely happens as one expects with the novice event going to Angela Hort, who comfortably beat Bonnie Harvey 22-7, winning 12 of the 17 ends played.

The two bowl between Myra Newman and Beryl Holmes, two top lady bowlers, again didn't finish as expected with Holmes comfortably beating her opponent 16-6.

The men's games were expected to be very entertaining with the two wood affair played by the legendary Brian Foscolo and the inimitable Graham Cogbill went to the final end with Cogbill ahead 13-12 but Foscolo was holding two for game. Cogbill drew shot with his last bowl to win 15-12.

The other men's game was of a sentimental nature with Dennis Mottram playing Barrie Griffiths, attempting to win in the Mottram Cup which was presented to the club by Dennis' father on behalf of his grandfather.

Since he started bowling at Romilly, Dennis' first ambition was to win this cup and on Saturday his ambition was realised when he beat Griffiths 21-8. The forecast of heavy rain strong winds hadn't materialised except for short shower mid morning so the second session took place on time.

These games consisted of ladies pairs, men's handicap and two wood triples.

The ladies four wood pairs was played between Alma Shepherd and Myra Newman against Bonnie Harvey and Joan Walden.

The game was close up until the 12th end with Shepherd and Newman just one shot ahead, then over the next five ends they pulled clear, winning 25-13.

The men's triples saw Cogbill back on the green partnered by Alan Bannister and Paul Swannick who helped him continue his winning ways, beating the triple of Jerry Daly, Alfie Woolcock and Gwynne Rees 20-11.

The men's handicap brought Mottram back to the green attempting to give second season newcomer Paul James a two shot start but Mottram struggled from the eighth end, allowing James to go nine shots clear at the 20th end.

Then Mottram rediscovered his composure and at the 26th end had reduced the deficit to one but James played the final two ends well scoring a two and a four to gain an exciting win, 24-17.

The afternoon session contained four games the men's rinks and pairs and both ladies and men's championships.

The rink of Jerry Daly, Dave Noble, Paul Swannick and Mel Newman outpointed the rink of Alfie Woolcock, Terry Bloomfield, Gwynne Rees and Mike Doyle after a close game, 25-15.

The men's four wood pairs once again brought together Cogbill and Foscolo in opposition, Cogbill joined by Mottram, playing their third game of the day and Foscolo was partnered by vice-captain Kelvyne Mills who were favourites from the start of the competition.

As expected Mills and Foscolo, although level at 7-7 after the seventh end, took control bowling, well to win comfortably 22-11.

The championship finals were between ladies Myra Newman and Angela Hort and the men's between Jeff Wright and Clive Collins.

Ironically Newman and Hort had played the ladies handicap the previous evening with Hort receiving four shots start and although Hort held the advantage until the 19th end, the experienced Newman took command to win 21-16.

The championship game between these two players mirror-imaged their previous game with Hort playing well, forcing Newman to pull out all the stops to remain in touch, but similarly to the handicap final the experience of Newman once again came to the fore, winning 21-16.

The men's championship turned into a thriller with the score toing and froing with the score 12-12 after 14 ends then Wright scored a maximum to get his head in front but Collins fought back to level on the 18th end.

Wright then scored two ones on ends 19 and 20 to go ahead by two but Collins scored three singles to go ahead 19-18.

On the 24th end Collins was holding game with two close woods to the jack but Wright also had two close woods.

With spectators sensing a Collins victory, they did not expect to see a bowl of tremendous quality that Wright delivered with accuracy and perfect weight to turn Collins' woods far enough away for Wright to claim the three shots required for the title.

A brilliant day was enjoyed by all with the weather remaining kind to all bowlers who showed their appreciation by making the day with some outstanding bowls.

Also the day was helped along thanks to Terry Bloomfield and his assistant Paul Clarke who kept the barbecue going, feeding all players and spectators throughout the day and the ladies for serving teas/coffees and cakes.

FP

Cricket club celebrates a successful year's work for youth section

ON Friday, September 8, Barry Athletic Cricket youth section hosted its annual presentation to celebrate a momentous 2017 season with over 250 people in attendance.

The evening was hosted at Barry Athletic Cricket Club with a number of VIPs and sponsors were in attendance including Cadwaladers, Plus Network Solutions, Barry Round Table and ASDA.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Barry Athletic Cricket youth coordinator Mark Ellis. Mark was ably assisted throughout the season by a team of coaches who help out with coaching, organising matches and the general welfare of the youth section.

With the club completing its second year of fixtures in the Cardiff & Vale Junior cricket league it was important to recognise a number of major achievements throughout the year.

These included competing successfully in both the under-9 and under-11 leagues with notable wins against Penarth and a last ball win against Miskin; running a successful All Stars programme with the cricket club having the second highest number of recruits in Wales (70 in total); the club being guard of honour at one of Glamorgan's T20 games; and six junior players progressing to the Cardiff & Vale junior squads with one making it to county level.

The evening began with games of parents against kids matches which were great fun with the weather being lovely as the sun shone for the event.

David Lloyd from Glamorgan was in attendance and joined in the fun along with the deputy mayor. Bro Radio provided the entertainment for the evening and Lynette Griffin from ASDA presented a cheque for £200 as part of their Green Token scheme.

The awards ceremony consisted of individual awards to 48 children and 11 awards were handed out for individual performances.

The winners of the awards were: players' player of the year – Joseff Jones; under-11s joint player of the year – Rhydian Jones and Luc Fitchett; under-11s batsmen of the year – Jonny Lowrie; under-11s bowler of the year – Joe Ray; under-9s player of the year – Liam Forman; under-9s batsmen of the year – Archie Bell; under-9s bowler of the year – Brochan Evans; coaches player of the year – Morgan Price; youth club person of the year – Ava-Blue Batchelor; most improved player of the year – Ollie Grant; fielder of the year – Will Morgan; statman of the year – Simon Bell.

The evening finished with a presentation to Glan Williams and Mark Rees, the two groundsmen, followed by a presentation to all the coaches who were rewarded with trophies for their efforts during the year.

A raffle made £189 towards the running costs of the club and the youth sections would like to thank the following people for making the presentation night a big success: Nina Ray, Cynthia Ellis, Graham Ellis and Susan Miles for helping with preparing the BBQ and food; and Martin Baker, Wes Baker, Nathan Baker and John Gee for helping out behind the bar.

The Barry Athletic Cricket youth section starts again in January with indoor nets at Colcot Sports Hall.

For anyone who is aged seven-11 or who has a son or daughter who is interested in joining the club, please contact Mark Ellis, the junior coordinator, on 07826 020707.

ME

AFC WOLVES START SEASON WITH A BANG!

The newly-formed AFC Wolves started the season in tantalising form as they showed the fruits of the hard work from a solid pre-season.

Sully Vipers were the first up at Severn Avenue and the home side took minutes to open their account.

The game as a contest was over very early as the attacking style that has become a common feature with this Wolves team was there to see.

Goal scorers on the day were Kyle Booker (8), Callum Hewitson (2), Cole Saunders and Conor O'Brien.

Next up was a trip to Corntown to face Cowbridge Reds.

Wolves came out of the blocks at 100mph, playing a new formation for the day.

This suited the visitors as it allowed everyone to get on the ball.

Scorers on the day were Kyle Booker (3), Callum Hewitson (3), Rian Thomas (2), Zak Fifield and Jacob Pereria.

LS

FORMER COLCOT BOXER GIVES BACK TO HIS CLUB

AFTER another successful season Colcot ABC has more reason to celebrate as new kit sponsor Ross Smith of Wedoanymortgage.com came forward to present the club with funding towards their new boxing kit.

Ross, who boxed for the Colcot ABC as a child, decided to give back to his old amateur gym and help out with the new shorts and vests ready for the new season.

IBF world champion Lee Selby and his world title contender brother Andrew, who are long-time supporters of the club, joined Ross and the boxers to accept the cheque on behalf of their home town club.

Club head coach Wayne Gurd praised Ross and his company for his generosity for giving back to his roots.

Colcot ABC are still looking to replace all the old bags hanging up, some of which have been there since the club opened its doors back in 1984.

If your a business who could help replace a bag or two please contact the club on 07525494070 or Lee and Andrew Selby to give support. **WG**

Murch hold club championships

ON September 9-11, the Murch Bowling Club championships took place.

Here are the results (event, winner(s), runner(s)-up):

Mixed two wood: W. Spear, C.Trantor; C. Hougardy, M.Hughes. Mixed triples: C. Real, P Venn, C Garland; W.Spear, G Hughes, C. Trantor. Ladies pairs: C. Hougardy, C. Trantor; K Macleod, M. Clake. Ladies triples: E. Sandecote, G. Hughes, C. Trantor; A. Allen, C. Hougardy, M. Clarke.

Men's pairs: R. Mauchline, E. Atkins; D. Letts, M. Hughes.

Mixed pairs: E. Carryer, T. Phillips; D. Blainey, C. Trantor.

Ladies' novice singles: K. Macleod; E. Sandecote.

Men's novice singles: W. Spear; A. Perry. Mixed Rink: D. Letts, W, Spear, M. Clake, R. Mauchline; E. Atkins, B. Frampton, T. Phillips, C. Trantor.

Marilyn Clarke and Roger Mauchline.

Ladies singles: M. Clake; P.Ayres. Men's singles: R. Mauchline; M. Hughes.

Well done to all concerned. **TP**

Bumper year for Beavers

FOLLOWING the launch of the commemorative club book Splish Splash in July, Barry Beavers set a new record number of swimmers, instructors and volunteer helpers in the pools at Barry Leisure Centre on Saturday, September 9.

With 52 swimmers in the pools, eight poolside staff, and some 15 or more carers and family spectators, total numbers were almost 80 altogether.

The club is wholly reliant on volunteers to run it, and this is proving to be a bumper year for Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club - congratulations to all its members, and supporters in the Vale.

NC

FARMERS' FOREST TOUR IS AN EXCITING ONE!

THE Glamorgan Farmer's Golf Society recently went on tour to the Forest of Arden.

On day one, Bryan Owen was the winner with 36 points, Wyndam Abbott runner-up with 32.

Nearest the pins were Keith James, Dave Williams, Mark Rees and Gareth Perkins with longest drive going to Geraint Davies.

On day two, Wyndham Abbott came out on top with 41, Gareth Perkins on 33.

Nearest the pins were Gareth Perkins, Mark Rees, Keith James, Tim Jarvis and Wyndham Abbott, the longest drive going to Martin Edwards.

On day three, Geraint Davies' better back nine meant he edged out Brian Jones, with nearest the pin going to Brian Jones, Keith James, and Tim Jarvis, the longest drive going to Rhidian Harris.

The tour winner was Gareth Perkins on 78 points, and runner-up was Tim Jarvis with 77 points, winning the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd trophy.

The next event for the society is Thursday, September 28, when members will be competing for the Arthur John & Co Cup sponsored by popular member Mr Dai John.

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Brynhill Golf Club holds finals day

Scott Bowman, winner of the Club Championship, with his young daughter and captain Mike Underdown.

ON Saturday, August 26, Brynhill Golf Club held its competition finals day on a lovely warm day, with a good turn-out of spectators and an excellent course presentation by the greens staff.

The results were as follows:

The Club Final Championship was played over 36 holes between Scott Bowman and Matthew Little, refereed by captain Mike Underdown. The winner was Scott Bowman.

The Mid Way Howell Hughes Cup was played over 18 holes by Chris Phillips and Tony Thomas, refereed by vice captain Mark Weaver and the winner was Tony Thomas.

The George Williams Cup was played over 18 holes by Gary Ball and 12-year-old Ralph O'Carroll, son of Calvin O'Carroll, ex-European tour professional. This match was won on the 18th hole by Gary Ball, and was refereed by John Giles, chair of handicaps.

Lunch in the clubhouse was enjoyed by the captain, vice-captain, president, vice-president and their wives, together with the competitors and their caddies.

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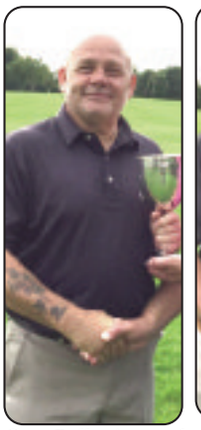
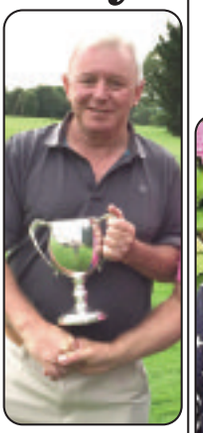


Gary Ball, winner of George Williams Cup.



Tony Thomas, winner of Howell Hughes Cup.

Success at tae kwon do championships

A SMALL but determined team from JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness headed to Guildford recently, to take part in the South East Tae Kwon Do Championships.

There might have only been four of them, but Menna and Harri Burmingham, Alex Munn and Zak Grinter certainly made their presence felt.

There were some fantastic results from all the team, including sister and brother Menna and Harri Burmingham, who were on formidable form both in the patterns and sparring events.

Menna turned in two truly unbeatable performances to become, not only Black Belt Girls Patterns Champion, but also Black Belt girls' Middleweight Sparring Champion.

Hot on her heels was brother, Harri, who also came away with a double as he scooped the silvers both in the Black Belt boys' patterns and in the sparring too.

Over in the colour belts, there was yet another championship display from Zak Grinter who came away with the gold in the Boys' Peewee sparring event.

Carrying on the winning streak was Alex Munn, who added to his ever-growing medal collection by taking the bronze in the Boys' lightweight sparring event.

After their outstanding effort, the team are now gearing up for the British Championships in November.

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Bridge news

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for September 4 are as follows:

Celtic Sims: First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 66.67 per cent; second, Simon Richards and Julian Pottage, 65.51 per cent; third, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans, 62.73 per cent.

Bowls club host county encounter

ON Wednesday, August 23, Rhoose Bowls Club ladies section hosted a county match between Glamorgan County WBA and Gloucester County WBA.

This was a return visit by the ladies of Gloucester who had made a visit in 2015; the match then was a washout as heavy rain prevented any play.

However this time the Gods were with us, and in a beautiful afternoon of sunshine the battle began.

For much of the match it was nip and tuck, but at the final count Gloucester prevailed by a small margin of three shots.

Rhoose ladies fielded six county players, a first for the club - they were Anita Shears, Rachel Roxley Green, Jo Hopkins, Karen Bladen, Sue Dance and Rita Craig.

Anita, Rachel and Karen were delighted to receive their Colt badge as this was their first county game.

Rita was also pleased to have skipped the overall winning rink.

The day ended with a very good tea which was prepared and served by the ladies of the club, and a big thanks must go to them for all their hard work.

I'm sure the county look forward to a return visit to Gloucester next year.

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Wenvoe Castle Ladies reach national final

ANOTHER ladies pair from Wenvoe Castle Golf Club has performed well – to reach the final stages of a national competition.

Last month, Barbara Beedham and Maria Venn qualified to play in the finals of the R&A Coronation Cup and will play at the Eden Park Course in St Andrews, Scotland later this month.

Another fine performance followed this time by Wendy Motton and Karen Ball, which has seen them reach the finals of the Australian Spoons (one of the leading competitions open to all players who are lady members of clubs affiliated to the Golf Union of Wales).

This prestigious stableford foursomes competition began in 1967, when the Australian Ladies Golf Union presented each of the Home Countries with a pair of beautifully boxed spoons, and Wales were quick to set up a national competition.

Wendy and Karen won through the preliminary round at their golf club, and then went on to compete in the southern regional final held at Langland Bay Golf Club.

There was stiff competition, with over 50 pairs competing for a place in the final, and Wendy and Karen played exceptionally well to post the second highest score of 36 points – and secure their place in the final to be held at The Monmouthshire Golf Club, on October 8.

The winning couple at the All Wales final will be presented with the Australian Spoons, and both players will receive a memento.

Their place in the final is richly deserved and all the members at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club congratulate them on reaching the final stage and wish them every success on the day.

Barry Chess Club ready for new season

THE first week of September sees the start of the new chess season, and league fixtures are scheduled to be played each week through to next May – the Christmas/New Year period aside.

The fixture list has been eagerly anticipated by Barry Chess Club members, as this season we have two teams playing in division two, as well as one in division one and another in division four.

On Monday, the first fixture of the season saw the Barry Quarks paired against their friends and division two rivals the Barry Camelots, but with both teams hit by illness and holidays, two weakened sides pitched up against each other.

Nevertheless, it provided an opportunity for Quarks captain Martin Ricketts to give young Oliver Adams his first taste of league chess.

The Camelots outgraded the Quarks on all five boards and were expected to win handsomely, and so it proved – with Stephen Bonutto and Ray Denyer recording quick wins on boards four and five.

A win for John Stephenson soon followed and with Martin struggling against high flying Sam Jukes, it was soon four games to nil.

But no one expected Peter Watkins to overturn a 400 point grading difference to record a well-deserved victory over Tom Cooke – and give some respectability to the final result of 4-1.

Barry Chess Club meets on Monday evenings at the West End Club in Barry, and whether you are an old hand at chess or a complete novice, you are most welcome to come along to find out more about our club and its activities.

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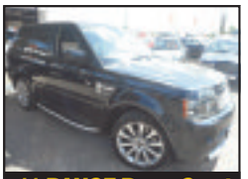

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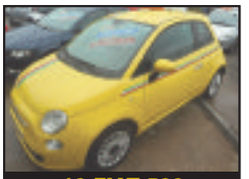

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LEFT: Vicki Long and Helen Evans pick up the Mary Nichols Interclub County Foursomes trophy.

Success for Cottrell Park lady golfers

Helen Evans, who won the final of the Golf Union of Wales Medal Championships.

VICKI Long and Helen Evans, representing Cottrell Park Golf Club, won the Mary Nichols Interclub County Foursomes trophy, organised by the Glamorganshire Ladies Golf Association.

They played knockout rounds against Mond Valley, Whitchurch, Morlais Castle and Pontypridd with the semi-final against Fairwood Park, winning through to the final against St Mary's, and winning the final with a score of 3 and 1. A brilliant achievement, well done to both.

Helen Evans also won the final of the Golf Union of Wales Medal Championship at Builth Wells Golf Club.

Having qualified to represent Cottrell Park, a qualifying round was played at Creigiau Golf club where Helen qualified in the Medal section. Kay Bradley and Chris Evans also qualified for the final of their respective sections.

There were 40 finalists in the Medal section and Helen won with the excellent score of 67 points.

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Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

THE Wanderers welcomed the Castle Dark Lords to the Glenbrook Inn.

Making his debut, Rhodri Thomas got the home team off to a winning start. However, Div Jones' fine start to the season came to an end as he was seven-balled. The next two frames were shared with Jeff Bartle and Gavin Rowlands both playing some good stuff, with Jeff producing a fine clearance to win, leaving the first singles session evenly balanced at 2-2.

The wheels fell off the bus for the Wanderers after that, with Nick Taylor and Div Jones suffering their first defeat as a partnership, 2-4 to the Castle Dark Lords.

The next singles session were all close games and could have gone either way, especially the Jeff Bartle v Gavin Rowlands rematch, a game in which one mistake by Jeff would be punished by Gavin, who ruthlessly cleared up. Karl Marsh would win the Wanderers' last point in their 3-9 defeat.

The Libs were back to their winning ways at home to Finnegans. The Islanders started the first session well, taking a 2-1 lead through Kane Grindley and Paulo Marenghi, giving them an early lead.

This, however, was shortlived with the Libs winning the next five frames with Mike Roberts playing some excellent confident pool.

Back came Finnegans with wins from Steve Neilson and Carson Martin. The night would belong to the Libs, winning the last two doubles matches with man of the match James Bastow winning four out of four.

The Borough recorded their first league win of the season, beating O'Briens 8-4, Borough captain and man of the match Robert Larkin winning three out of three frames, ably supported by Nick Meadows, Andrew Churchill, Sara Hayles, John Williams and Gavin Stevens.

O'Briens were unlucky in a few frames and should have won more points, with Windsor Harry, Martyn Croke and John Wolfenden their standout players.

The King William IV travelled to the Ship Hotel to play captain Graham Avaients - with both sides unbeaten, one team would lose their 100 per cent record.

Lee Philips impressed yet again for the King William team with the first singles session level at 2-2, but the night was all about the Ship with Nathan Davidson, Adrian Leadbetter and Bobby Avaient shining.

Shared men of the match performances by Sion Old and Graham Avaient saw both players winning four out of four.

The only plus point for the King William IV team was the feast of pizza, chicken and chips provided at half-time.

The Witchill Wrong'uns entertained Millwood Pot Jacks who found themselves 4-2 down after the first half on a very fast Witchill table.

Millwood would only win one more frame in the second half, ensuring a hard-fought win for the Wrong'uns, who had Colin Berryman, Sian Kedward and R Tamlyn as their standout players.

The county team, meanwhile, were prepared well by captain James Hill to face the Dragon's Kiss of Carmarthen, but were let down badly by their opponents' no-show. Barry Islanders are still favourites for promotion.

The Thursday pool league are still looking for players of all capabilities to sign up and play - call Anthony on 07568 444180 or text Joe on 07870 498738 or join us on Facebook - search for Vale of Glamorgan Pool League and follow us.

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Vale rider reigns at Hickstead

Mark Edwards on **Eternal Evolution** *at Hickstead.* **Photo by Spidge Photography.**

MARK Edwards had a week to remember when he won no less than three classes at Hickstead's All England Jumping Championships (August 31-September 3), before signing off with a double on the final day of competition.

Edwards – who hails from Llandow near Cowbridge – not only took Thursday's 1.30m Open Warm Up class with *Greenvale Cara*, he also finished second with *Harley H* in the same class.

With *Eternal Evolution*, he won the Connolly's Red Mills Senior Newcomers Qualifier, and he also took the All England 6 and 7 Year Old Championship qualifier with *Montreux's Tale*.

The Vale-based rider then claimed Sunday's All England Novice Championship with *Eternal Evolution*, and the All England 1.20m Open Championship with *Harley H*.

It was his first time competing in the International Arena, so it was a winning debut.

"I went into the jump off with a few tight turns in mind as I know she is so careful," said Edwards of his Novice winner.

"She is such a sweet mare and this is her third win this week."

The All England Jumping Championships were first established in 2011 - and since then the show has gone from strength to strength.

Along with two different sections for amateur riders, there is something for every calibre of national rider from 1m to a £6,000, 1.40m Grand Prix.

The show makes it possible to extend the opportunity to gain invaluable experience in the famous International Arena to a much wider audience than in the past.

There's even an opportunity to jump some of Hickstead's famous natural obstacles, a brilliant introduction for a future Derby star.

HS

Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

BARRY ATHLETIC went back to the top of the Premier Division this past weekend with a 2-1 win over Island Marine.

However, St Athan are hot on their heels after an impressive 2-0 victory over AFC Rhoose. The highly competitive and open Premier Division also saw FC Barry Belgrade secure three points defeating Penarth Town 2-1 who were atop of the league coming into the fixtures.

In Division One, early leaders Sully Sports were held by Barry Saints in a 2-2 draw, second place Tynewydd were held away at Cadoxton Athletic 1-1 while SP Billy inflicted a 3-1 defeat on Cogan Coronation who are surprisingly still without a win so far this season.

Cardiff Airport saw off Cwm Talwg 3-1 and Penarth Town B went down 2-1 to Cadoxton Imps to stay bottom.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Barry made it four wins out of four with a 4-2 triumph over Barry Albion in a game that ended in controversy.

Vale Madrid are really hitting their stride as they thrashed Island Marine B 7-0 while BRT Dynamos and Glenbrook played out an incredibly high-scoring game, sharing 15 goals between them, Dynamos coming out on top by a crazy scoreline of 9-6.

St Athan B moved off the bottom with their first point of the season as they drew with BV 1-1.

This week sees St Athan and Island Marine respectively in SWFA Cup action.

Notable games in the league see Sully place Tynewydd and Cogan vs Penarth in a derby. The two teams with a 100 per cent record meet in division two as Llantwit Major travel to Cadoxton Barry.

HD

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 5, Rhoose Social 10; Cadoxton Cons 7, West End Runaways 8; Wyndham Cons 9, Liberals 6.

League table: West End Runaways 17, Cadoxton Cons 15, Wyndham Cons 15, Liberals 14, West End 12, Rhoose Social 10, Moors Boys 7.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 7, King William XII 0; Allsorts 2, Sea View B 5; Rhoose Social A 6, Barries Boys 1; Cambrian Flyers 6, Rugby Club 1; Barry Town FC 0, West End C 7; Liberals A 2, Rhoose Social C 5; Rhoosters 6, West End D 1; Rhoose Social B 4, Liberals C 3.

League table: Slammers 7, West End C 7, Cambrian Flyers 6, Rhoose Social A 6, Rhoosters 6, Rhoose Social C 5, Sea View B 5, Rhoose Social B 4, Liberals C 3, Allsorts 2, Liberals A 2, Barries Boys 1, Rugby Club 1, West End D 1, Barry Town FC 0, King William XII 0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Savoy B 0, Harbour B 5; Cadoxton Cons B 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; Penarth Cons A 2, Wyndham Cons A 3; Liberators 2, West End C 3.

League table: Harbour B 9, Cadoxton Cons Z 7, Cadoxton Cons B 6, Rhoose Social B 4, Savoy A 4, West End C 4, Wyndham Cons A 4, Penarth Cons A 3, Liberators 2, Services Social B 1, Savoy B 1.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Castle A 2, Harbour A 3; Sully Sports A 1, Wyndham Cons D 4; Cadoxton Cons A 2, West End B 3; Market Street C 2, Penarth Cons B 3; Rhoose Social C 3, Market Street B 2.

League table: Rhoose Social C 8, Wyndham Cons D 8, Harbour A 7, Market Street B 6, Cadoxton Cons A 5, Penarth Cons B 5, West End A 3, Castle A 3, Market Street C 3, West End B 3, Cadoxton Misfits 2, Sully Sports A 2 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

RESULTS for the autumn simultaneous pairs session at the Barrivale Bridge Club on September 5:

The top three places in the simultaneous pairs were: 1. Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 63.69%; 2. Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 59.90%; equal second place Simon and Debbie Richards 59.90%. The handicap winners were Pat Kirby and Sue Jones.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

As from September 22, new classes will commence so if you would like to join us please ring any of the above numbers to find out more and book your place.

LH

Tim's Hexham winner pops!

CHAMPAGNE CHASER, a seven-year-old bay gelding who was racing in public for the first time in 197 days, was a 10-1 winner for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan at Hexham on Tuesday.

Partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson, Champagne Chaser won the VisitAtTheRaces.Com Handicap Hurdle over two miles and four furlongs by one-and-three-quarter lengths from the strongly fancied Tornado Watch in a field of 10 runners.

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First win on the board for Barry Town United!

AFTER a few near-misses in the opening weeks of the season, Saturday saw Barry Town United record their first victory since returning to the JD Welsh Premier League.

On another encouraging matchday at Jenner Park, summer signing Kayne McLaggon made the difference, the former Merthyr Town man scoring in either half of a 2-0 win over visitors Newtown.

One of Wales' oldest football clubs, the multi-time European campaigners have been among the few ever-presents in Wales' national league since its inception, over 25 years ago.

With the mid-Walians travelling to the Vale off the back of back-to-back victories, the Robins posed another tough test for Gavin Chesterfield's team, though there was an air of optimism that the Town could turn their performances into three important points.

As it was, the home side would shoot out of the starting blocks, Troy Greening dispossessing Newtown's Jay Denny and allowing McLaggon to race clear and convert in the seventh minute, scoring his first-ever JD Welsh Premier League goal.

Sadly, the first half would be marred in the 35th minute by an injury to Barry's Ryan Newman. Newman, who had scored Barry's first goal of the season against Aberystwyth in August, would require significant treatment on the touchline after being replaced by Callum Sainty.

The former Merthyr man was later reported to have suffered a broken ankle, the loss of this tough-tackling midfielder a disappointing setback for both the club and player alike.

Coping admirably in the wake of this incident, Barry continued to contribute well, with another midfielder, full debutant Sam Jones, almost delivering the knockout second.

Breaking through at the end of the half, Jones was set on goal, only for the teenager to be brought down at the edge of the area, with defending Ryan Sears booked for the challenge.

However, McLaggon's resulting free-kick would reap no rewards, keeping the score at 1-0.

Into the second half, the introduction of substitute Ryan Kershaw coincided with fresh impetus for the visitors, though Newtown's pursuit of an equaliser would be largely limited to half-chances, as Barry goalkeeper Mike Lewis asserted his authority in the penalty box.

A clash of heads in the 58th minute brought a temporary halt to proceedings, before Jones made way for Drew Fahiya a handful of minutes later, Fahiya one of the Barry outfielders with past Welsh Premier experience, having previously competed with Port Talbot Town.

In the 71st minute, tenacious Tyrrell Webbe, who was thrilling supporters with his forward runs, would threaten the Newtown goal, only for his effort to crash into the side netting.

Kayne McLaggon (right) bagged both goals as Barry Town United beaten Newtown 2-0 on Saturday. PICTURE BY RHYS SKINNER.

Soon, the hosts seemed destined to score their second, only for McLaggon's measured attempt from close range to be blocked on the line in a spectacular piece of defending by Sears.

Nevertheless, McLaggon's persistence would be rewarded after 77 minutes, the Barry forward capitalising on a dangerous corner from the right, and the right amount of pressure on goalkeeper Dave Jones, to nod the ball across the line and into the Newtown net.

While their hometown hero will score prettier goals this season, McLaggon's second put priceless distance between Barry and their opponents, freeing the Town to pursue a third.

Eluding the offside trap, McLaggon almost got it himself, taking a sublime first touch before striking over the Robins' crossbar.

Then substitute TJ Nagi showed off some of the skills that have made him such an important player for Barry in recent times, fending off Newtown defenders with smart footwork, only for his eventual attempt to run the wrong side of the post.

Ultimately, Barry were held to two, though few could complain about the final result on a day Gavin Chesterfield's side reaffirmed they are not in the JD Welsh Premier League to merely make up the numbers.

With positive play across the park, including another man of the match appearance for centre-back Luke Cooper, the Town will now hope to build on this result, as they head north to early season pacesetters Llandudno this coming Saturday (2.30pm kick-off).

The match, at the Giants Hospitality Stadium, will be the first meeting of the clubs since December 1994, when the north Wales outfit knocked holders Barry out of the Welsh Cup in a fourth round replay, securing a subsequent clash with Cardiff City.

Minutes after scoring his first JD Welsh Premier League goals, Barry forward Kayne McLaggon, discussing his side's win, commented: "It's massive for us and it feels like a long time coming, we got what we deserved and it means so much to score for your hometown club."

The full, post-match interview is available on audioBoom, via the club website at barrytownunited.co.uk.

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Fine win for Barry RFC over Vale rivals

BARRY RFC welcomed the visit of Penarth on a dry Saturday for the season's first Vale derby.

After scoring a bonus-point victory on the road, hopes were high for the hosts despite a number of players unavailable due to injury or other commitments.

A reshuffling of the back-line saw Harry Morgan-Grant continue at fly-half, where he finished the game last weekend, and the return of Tomos Perry in midfield with Dave Provis and Chris Lockyer promoted from the bench.

It was the unchanged pack which exerted early pressure to give Barry the first blood on the scoresheet, as the Morgan-Grant slotted over a penalty opportunity.

Despite the perfect conditions for free-flowing, running rugby, Barry were sensing an advantage in the tight and wasted no time in utilising their power in the scrum and contact area.

After prolonged pressure on the Penarth line, it was down to James Hollister who was unstoppable from five yards, driving over for his first try of the season. Morgan-Grant added the extras.

Not to be outdone, his partner in the front row, Alyn Evans, began to exert his influence on the game, and he was rewarded with a try of his own, piercing the Penarth defence with his strong, direct running.

With the conversion kicked Barry were now 17 points ahead with less than a quarter of the game gone, and lesser sides could have folded.

However, Penarth showed some inner steel as, slightly against the run of play, they capitalised on an opportunitistic kick-and-chase to be rewarded with a try under the posts.

The conversion proved a formality and suddenly it was Barry who were under pressure just before the interval.

The pressure was released, however, when Brad White finished off a fine move in midfield to hand the impetus back to the home side.

The visitors tried to mount a second half comeback and their efforts were rewarded by an unconverted try, reducing the deficit to 10 points.

Harry Morgan-Grant lines up a kick.

But the Barry defence held firm against the Penarth onslaught while continuing to find joy in the scrum. Indeed it was the hosts who had the last shout on the scoreboard.

The devastating pace of No. 8 Luke O'Sullivan proved too much in the latter stages of the game, and he bagged a brace before the close to make the game safe for Barry.

With neither conversions kicked, the final score was 32-12 to Barry, a fine victory over their Vale rivals.

Team: Ryan; Provis, Perry, White; Lockyer; Morgan-Grant, Lee; Evans, Such, Hollister; Deyes, Devine; Miles, Hadfield (c), L O'Sullivan.

Replacements: R O'Sullivan, Brooke, Oaten, Miller, Grant.

This weekend Barry travel to Aberdare in a clash between the top two teams in the league.

A coach will leave the club at 12.30pm for players and supporters.

The Lottery continues to roll over as last numbers of 01, 06, 14 and 24 were not matched.

The Jackpot this week stands at £6300.

KC

CENTURIONS SEAL THEIR PROMOTION!

SULLY Centurions entertained Creigiau on the last day of the league season and, although there were a few anxious moments, came away with the victory required to seal promotion.

The visitors batted first and lost three early wickets. They were indebted to Taylor (53) and Powell (45) who steadied the ship and gave the innings some impetus.

After the fall of more wickets, the late contributions from Griffiths (24) and Basset-Jones (18) ensured Creigiau had a decent total as they ended on 178 for 8. For Centurions, there were two wickets for Goodway, Cuddihy and Santosh and one each for Ricki and Jake Griffett.

In reply, after losing opener Gethin Hicks for just 3, Rhett Jones (28) and Santosh Singh (43) took the score along nicely and Centurions were looking comfortable.

But some cheap wickets fell in the middle order to ensure that promotion wasn't going to be a formality. It was down to Craig Brock (36 not out) and Kieron Ferriday (15 not out) to take Centurions over the line for the loss of seven wickets, in the 40th over.

Sully Centurions 179-7, Creigiau 178-8.

The second XI made the trip to Creigiau in the reverse fixture and won a one-sided affair by six wickets.

The home side batted first and were skittled out for just 77 runs in 25 overs. This was down mainly to the bowling of Jason Hicks who had the remarkable figures of 6 for 9 in 8 overs, including five maidens and a hat-trick!

Centurions took 28 overs to seal the victory and although losing four wickets in the process, it was never in doubt.

Man of the match Hicks added to his bowling performance with a fine 33 not out.

This ensured that Centurions finished in third place, agonisingly short of a promotion spot, but the future is looking very promising for the team.

Creigiau II 77 all out, Sully Centurions II 83 for 4.

Following the league season, Centurions embarked on a short end of season tour to Somerset but the weather ensured that both scheduled matches were called off. However, fun and games ensued off the field and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Centurions round off the season with a friendly at Burnham Avenue on Sunday, September 17 – all players are asked to contact Dave Sylvester or Jake Griffett with availability.

Sadly, at the time of writing, we have had news that first XI scorer Clive Wheatley has had a heart attack and is currently in hospital. All Sully Centurions players and supporters wish Clive a speedy recovery.

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